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Public Participation Report

SmartMoves for a Changing Region



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Response to Public Comments

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I. Introduction

This document presents comments received and responses to comments for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's (SPC's) public comment period from May 11, 2023 through June 9, 2023 on the following draft documents:

- Draft *SmartMoves for a Changing Region* Transportation and Development Plan, which identifies the region's priority roadway, transit and multimodal transportation improvements programmed for advancement over the next 25-30 years
- Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment of *SmartMoves for a Changing Region*
- Air Quality Conformity Determination for *SmartMoves for a Changing Region*

All comments and responses in this Public Participation Report were distributed to members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for their review prior to the June 26, 2023 Commission meeting for action to consider the above items.

II. Organization of Report

This report includes a Summary of Public Comments and the Response to Public Comments on the following draft documents:

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- Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment of *SmartMoves for a Changing Region*
- Air Quality Conformity Determination for *SmartMoves for a Changing Region*

SPC staff has responded to each comment and shared both the comments and responses with the SPC Commissioners.

- III. Includes the Summary of Public Comments and the Response to Public Comments.
- IV. includes copies of the written and electronic comments that were received during the May 11, 2023 through June 9, 2023 public comment period. This section also includes comments that were submitted after the close of the formal public comment period.
- V. Includes documentation of the public outreach activities for the May 11, 2023 through June 9, 2023 public comment period.
- VI. Includes a summary of virtual and in-person Public Participation Panel (PPP) Meetings that were held between May 11, 2023 and June 9, 2023. There were no document revisions to the Draft *SmartMoves for a Changing Region* Transportation and Development Plan, the Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment of *SmartMoves for a Changing Region*, and the Air Quality Conformity Determination for *SmartMoves for a Changing Region* as a result of the public comments received during the public comment period of May 11, 2023 through June 9, 2023.

III. Summary of Public Comments and the Response to Public Comments



Draft Responses to the Public Comment Period

Long-Range Transportation Plan

May 11 - June 9, 2023

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Project	Project Description	County	Comment Source, Comment Summary
<p>Scott Township in Allegheny County, 38 Greentree bus, using the 38G and 38M to g to Downtown Pittsburgh.</p>	<p>Local Bus/Transit Service Provider</p>	<p>Allegheny</p>	<p><i>Cheryl Stephens Community Organizer Pittsburghers for Public Transit submitted on behalf of Mary Jo Bondi and Phil Bondi.</i></p> <p>Hello, Our names are Mary Jo Bondi and Phil Bondi, and we are residents of Scott Township in Allegheny County. We take the 38 Greentree bus, using the 38G and 38M to get to our destinations, usually around the community and to events in Downtown Pittsburgh. In the Executive Summary of the SmartMoves: Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission states, "This plan continues to focus on core transportation investments such as maintaining our current system.." One of the most important areas this commission can improve upon today in the current system is making the service better right now for riders in order to see it through to the next 25 years and beyond. For us, and other riders, we have seen our own bus service scale back in many ways. We urge the commission to consider adding service and expanding. Last year, Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) eliminated the 38C, which eliminated service entirely to Orchard Spring neighborhood and the Chartiers Valley Intermediate School. Now, in order to get to the school, you need to use a car or be in close proximity to the school. If you use the 38G route, you have to walk 20 minutes up a hill to get there and that is not accessible to students after school busing hours, parents, or employees without a vehicle. While PRT schedulers stated that they would move those trips from the 38C to the 38G, they did not add extra trips for riders and that service has not been increased. Service is already limited where we are and we do not have another transit route option to get to Downtown. Reliable and frequent service means we have the freedom to get to places we need to go easily. Every trip cut has an impact on us and if PRT cuts back on service, it means that our routes end earlier and we can only leave our home if we can guarantee that there will be a return trip. But reduction in the frequency of service makes it hard to plan the trips we need to take, including getting to our bank before it closes in the early evening when we are done with work. Less frequency has made the bus we take more crowded during the rush hour because more people are going to meetings and office work in-person. The crowding makes transit less comfortable to take. Ultimately, we have cut down our own usage of the bus because it has become less convenient- from planning trips, seeing service getting canceled, and not hearing back from PRT when we call to confirm that our trip hasn't been canceled or need to know where the bus is when it is late. We want to experience all our region has to offer, but that can only happen if the service improves and the commission takes to heart the most present need faced by riders in</p>

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theregion.Thank you,

Response: Thank you for the comments. It is always good for SPC's transit planners to get insight into the transit users' experiences throughout the region. The points made about PRT's service area, span and on-time performance are well-taken. I would point to the multiple references in the Long-Range Transportation Plan, and the project tables to PRT's long-range plan, NexTransit - particularly the planning project (already underway) to redesign the current system and study to increase the efficiency and usage of the system. Your comments will be forwarded to PRT's operations team.

Additional Comments	Additional Comments	Allegheny	Dale R. Hutchison Additional Interest Needs to Be Addressed in Public Transit and its Marketing in the Greater Pittsburgh Area.
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Response: Thank you for your comments. Public transit investments are key strategies in providing mobility for Southwestern Pennsylvania residents, as well as mitigating the impacts such as air pollution and congestion that are inherent in a vehicle-based transportation system, while additionally contributing to many of the highway system goals. The current transit Transportation Improvement Program \$3.259 billion and Stage 2 & 3 of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) transit investment is \$21.6 billion. Also, reference Appendix IV in our region's LRTP where a detailed breakdown of both planned investment by funding category as well as detailed project information for planned investments in transit by all of the region's transit operators appear.

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Allegheny Cap Park, 1099 East St	Land Use/Economic Development	Allegheny	<p><i>Ryan Warsing</i></p> <p>This area is well-suited to a highway cap park, covering the airspace above I-279, bordered by East St (west), North Ave (north), Madison Ave (east), and Tripoli St (south). See other examples, including Frankie Pace Park in the Hill District, to see how cap parks can revitalize communities and provide pedestrian access in areas that are marred and divided by highways. This concept has been introduced to Councilman Wilson, but not discussed in detail. There federal DOT's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program is an excellent source of limited-time funding to pursue this project. A cap park would help create green space where there currently is none and offer future transit access to the I-279 HOV lane, which sits directly below. Generally, these changes would help to encourage walking between both halves of the North Side and create a highly-visible demonstration of this useful and green concept. There would also be equity benefits from a cap park across I-279, whose construction largely destroyed the East Street Valley Neighborhood and today blocks many residents from amenities and economic opportunity. Pittsburgh has experience implementing cap parks to redress misguided urban renewal projects and better unite the City - this site would be a logical and meaningful next step.</p>

Response: Thank you for your comment. This type of project requires strong support from the community as well as local and state officials. If the support exists, it could be an application for the USDOT Reconnecting Communities Program. The Reconnecting Communities pilot program is the first-ever Federal program to have funding dedicated solely to reconnecting neighborhoods with job opportunities in cities where transportation infrastructure previously acted as a barrier. Projects such as the I-279 Cap (Pace Park) and, recently, a feasibility study "Manchester Reunited" that will study the reconnection of the Manchester and Chateau neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh have been awarded funding through this program.

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<p>As a current instructor of Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT), I can say that one challenge our agency faces is maintaining transit operators to keep the service on the road.</p>	<p>Local Bus/Transit Service Provider</p>	<p>Allegheny</p>	<p><i>Cheryl Stephens (she/her) Community Organizer</i></p> <p><i>Pittsburghers for Public Transit on behalf of Pittsburgh Regional Transit instructor Sascha Craig.</i></p> <p>My name is Sascha Craig, and I've been a part of Pittsburgh Regional Transit (formerly Port Authority of Allegheny County for over 30 years. As a current instructor of Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT), I can say that one challenge our agency faces is maintaining transit operators to keep the service on the road. At a time when transit agencies across the country need to find ways to attract and retain employees, agencies in Southwestern Pennsylvania could and should be leading the effort in workforce development programs to prepare incoming candidates for the dynamic challenges of being a transit operator and servicing the public. The COVID-19 pandemic devastated transit nationwide and we felt the impacts at PRT with our co-workers getting sick, risking their lives to keep everyone safe and carrying them to critical services and jobs, without the luxury of being able to work from home. Now we have another workplace crisis on our hands. Without frontline workers, we have no public transit to connect neighborhoods, reduce car traffic, move other workers to their jobs, or benefit from the multi-billion dollar investments in road infrastructure. Fortunately, Western PA does have the talent to rise to the task. However, we need to invest in the people and soft skills for our current labor market to support long-lasting, strong communities across Southwestern Pennsylvania. Otherwise, we will see more experienced operators leave public transportation for careers in other industries. We traverse aging roads and bridges carrying thousands of riders across every corner of Allegheny County daily. With the capital funds coming from the federal government, there has never been a better opportunity to secure the future of our transit system and our workforce with your long-range plan.</p>

Response: Thank you for this comment concerning transit service and the state of the transit industry in the region. SPC's transit planners are actively engaged in monitoring the labor situation for transit across the country and have been working with the region's transit operators to provide technical assistance - including data analysis - to help the operators initiate various programs designed to attract employees. The plan details over \$24 billion in total investment in transit in the region over the planning period. It should be noted that 60% of that total investment is planned for operational costs.

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Bus Network Expansion and Infilling development, Location 48	Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Allegheny	<i>Ayden Kozak</i> Bus Network Expansion and Infilling development, Location 48, Pittsburgh Regional Transit, There is no transit service when I need it

Response: Public transit investments are key strategies in providing mobility for Southwestern Pennsylvania residents, as well as mitigating the impacts such as air pollution and congestion that are inherent in a vehicle-based transportation system, while additionally contributing to many of the highway system goals. The current transit Transportation Improvement Program is \$3.259 billion and Stage 2 & 3 of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) transit investment is \$21.6 billion. Also, we want to draw your attention to the LRTP's Appendix IV where a detailed breakdown of both planned investment by funding category as well as detailed project information for planned investments in transit by all of the region's transit operators appear.

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Draft Plan is that it lacks a coherent vision for creating accessible neighborhoods and communities; it fails to acknowledge the destructive impact that transportation infrastructure can have (and historically has had) on marginalized communities; and	Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Allegheny	<p><i>Paul O'Hanlon on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh Task Force on Disabilities, the Committee for Accessible Transportation and Pittsburghers for Public Transit.</i></p> <p>The City of Pittsburgh-Allegheny County Task Force on Disability is a 13-member panel of people with disabilities and community advocates appointed by the Mayor and County Executive, who advise local governmental entities on issues that affect people with disabilities in the region. The Committee for Accessible Transportation (CAT) is the official disability advisory committee for Pittsburgh Regional Transit and its paratransit provider ACCESS. The CAT has a long history of having a cooperative and collaborative relationship with PRT and ACCESS, and we're proud of our role in helping PRT (then PAT) become the first major transit entity in the U.S. to become fully ADA compliant. Pittsburghers for Public Transit is a grassroots union of transit riders, workers and neighbors. Together we organize for an expanded, affordable and accessible public transit system that meets all needs, with no communities left behind. We submit these comments to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) regarding its Long Range Transportation Draft Plan. Our fundamental concern with the Draft Plan is that it lacks a coherent vision for creating accessible neighborhoods and communities; it fails to acknowledge the destructive impact that transportation infrastructure can have (and historically has had) on marginalized communities; and it provides no blueprint for how we will design accessible communities other than laudable generalizations like the need to work together. Additionally, we believe that as a funder of a multitude of entities and transportation projects, the SPC must have a clearly stated vision and commitment to creating accessible neighborhoods and communities.</p> <p>For community advocates, trying to provide input into transportation planning processes like the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) can be long and exhausting. Our recent experience has been particularly sobering knowing that we can't be involved in every planning process, and even when we are, it isn't clear that we've been able to make an appreciable difference in advocating for more accessible options.</p> <p>We find parallels in the historical experience of other minority communities. Transit can be an avenue to inclusion for minority groups, but only if planners take their needs into consideration. As quoted in the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation document, Routes to Equity: The Future of Transportation in the Black Community Urban transit systems in most American cities, for example, have become a genuine civil rights issue and a valid one because the layout of rapid-transit systems determines the</p>

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			<p>accessibility of jobs to the Black community. If transportation systems in American cities could be laid out so as to provide an opportunity for poor people to get meaningful employment, then they could begin to move into the mainstream of American life. A good example of this problem is my home city of Atlanta, where the rapid-transit system has been laid out for the convenience of the white upper-middle-class suburbanites who commute to their jobs downtown. The system has virtually no consideration for connecting poor people with their jobs. There is only one possible explanation for this situation, and that is the racist blindness of city planners. 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Many members of the Task Force were active in the community participation planning process of the BRT project in Allegheny County. SPC was one of the funders of the BRT project, as shown on p. 9 of the Draft Plan's Executive Summary. Our experience trying to provide input to the BRT process, and the current state of the BRT design in the Uptown neighborhood, inform our comments to this Draft Plan. In short, our experience with the BRT process showed a clear lack of commitment to a vision for creating accessible neighborhoods and communities. We looked at the Draft Plan hoping that we would see a clear vision and strategy for creating accessible neighborhoods and communities but found none. Let's begin with the current BRT design in the Uptown neighborhood of Pittsburgh half of the bus stops in this one-mile-long neighborhood will be eliminated. The distance between stops will be doubled; all public parking Fifth and Forbes is planned for the left side (except for one block). This is the inaccessible side for motorists with lift-equipped vehicles and those carrying passengers with limited mobility in the front passenger's seat, forcing them to exit the vehicle into moving traffic; a dedicated bus lane will be on the right lane of one-way streets for the entire length of the neighborhood (except for one block); access to the curb, for pick-up or drop-off of individuals with mobility limitations by private vehicles is eliminated for the entire length of Forbes & Fifth Avenues (except for one block); private vehicles will be able to pick-up or drop-off individuals with mobility limitations only on the side streets forcing those individuals to walk up to a half block in rain and inclement weather; in order to meet the minimum federal requirements for paratransit (curb-to-curb service) paratransit vehicles are permitted to use the bus lane for pick-up and drop-off. However, this will block the bus lane for the 10 minutes or more that it takes to board, strap down the wheelchair, and belt the passenger. In our experience, this creates a stressful and stigmatizing situation for people with disabilities; in response to our objections over the plan to block the busway for routine pick-up and drop-offs, it was revealed that the long-range plan for the neighborhood to have new development provide accessible entrances through their back doors. These design problems longer distances to</p>

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			<p data-bbox="1176 267 1938 527">bus stops; public parking on the inaccessible side; paratransit pick-up and drop-off requiring awkward and stigmatizing blocking of traffic; forcing people with disabilities to hike prohibitive distances or use the back door if these features were necessary because of old decisions made by our ancestors before accessibility became a consideration, we could understand. A plan today with those features for a city neighborhood is bad planning, and poor public policy. On April 11, 2017, the Task Force wrote to the Mayor, the Chief Executive and PRT (then PAT) objecting to the status of the BRT plan. We said,</p> <p data-bbox="1176 544 1938 1542">The Disability Community does not often oppose progress. The old ways of doing things were often established before accessibility became a concern and progress has generally improved our ability to freely get around. However, what is alarming about the BRT Plan is the many ways that things will be worse for people with disabilities. For many transit users (particularly those with limited mobility), a nearby transit stop is an accessible feature of the system. The Title II Technical Assistance Manual (applying to the SPC, PRT, and the City and County) requires the maintenance of accessible features II-3.10000 Maintenance of accessible features. Public entities must maintain in working order equipment and features of facilities that are required to provide ready access to individuals with disabilities. Despite our objections, half the bus stops in this neighborhood are slated to be eliminated based on vague claims of efficiency and ableist generalizations like walking is good for you. In our experience, any reason becomes reason enough to eliminate bus stops if there's no commitment to creating an accessible neighborhood and community. As a result, we read the Draft Plan with disappointment -- looking for a clear vision for accessible neighborhoods and communities, and strategies for achieving this and finding little. People with disabilities are also concerned about clean air, green technology and attracting business and work opportunities to our communities. We applaud the Draft Plan's visionary statements and strategies for achieving these goals. Our disappointment is that the Draft Plan has no similar discussion for strategies for achieving accessible neighborhoods and communities. Access to transit is obviously a critical element of an accessible neighborhood, but it is one of many considerations for creating accessible neighborhoods. If we only look at the features of the transit station, but ignore how far apart those transit stations will be, then, in our opinion, we don't have a process committed to creating accessible neighborhoods. Indeed, the only discussion we could find in the Draft Plan regarding a strategy for achieving accessible communities is found on p. 36: "Working together to promote and implement best practices in land use policy, transportation planning, community development and leveraging private sector development</p>

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will help communities and the region as a whole to create unique, livable areas with a sense of place that are accessible for all residents. We agree that working together is necessary, but our experience with the BRT process shows that it isn't sufficient. We believe that it is imperative for the SPC to have a clear vision, commitment, and strategy for constructing accessible neighborhoods and communities. We don't find that in the Draft Plan. We urge the SPC to amend its Draft Plan accordingly.

Response: Thank you for comments concerning accessibility for people with mobility needs and specifically PRT's BRT project and issues related to access along the BRT corridor between downtown Pittsburgh and Oakland. These comments have been forwarded to PRT's customer service, planning and BRT teams. In terms of the overall vision for the region, we would reference the sections of the Plan's Executive Summary detailing strategies and actions to be undertaken to advance the visions of Connected Mobility and Resilient Communities. The Plan acknowledges that there is still much that can be improved when it comes to mobility and access for all and commits to strategies that support this effort.

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Driver shortage, drivers who will be retiring within the next few years and expansions.	Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Allegheny	<p><i>Mike Mazur</i></p> <p>My name is Mike Mazur and I've been a driver for PRT for 7 years. I drive the #75 bus. While the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commision's Long Range Plan addresses many big picture issues, this report fails to address how the SPC will guide counties through this very serious driver crisis we're facing. The budgets need to address this as an emergency by coming up with an innovative hiring plan with counties. Counties need the fiscal resources and planning expertise to boost their staff to even higher numbers than pre-pandemic to account for drivers who will be retiring within the next few years and expansions. This immediate support will be one of the fundamental stepping stones for the Long Range Plan to be a success. I can tell you personally that as a driver trying to meet my run time, I haven't taken a full break since March. That's 3 months now that I have not taken my full 30 minute break, which wasn't much to begin with. My shift has gone from 8 hours to 10 hours. I have seen more injuries on the job since this staffing crunch and our jobs already came with serious physical side effects. It has become known amongst drivers that certain buses will always be late and some routes will just stop running at certain times of the day because we're already so behind on our run time. This is terrible for morale. The SPC can play a vital role in supporting counties through this worker crisis. You have the financial resources and can set up the investigations to help create the solution. Not just my lunch break, also regular breaks. Since March 1 haven't had any.</p>

Response: Thank you for this comment concerning transit service and the state of the transit industry in the region. SPC's transit planners are actively engaged in monitoring the labor situation for transit across the country and have been working with the region's transit operators to provide technical assistance - including data analysis - to help the operators initiate various programs designed to attract employees. The plan details over \$24 billion in total investment in transit in the region over the planning period. It should be noted that 60% of that total investment is planned for operational costs.

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Food access and food security be factored in to transportation and infrastructure planning	Other Bus/Transit Concern, food access	Allegheny	<p><i>Chris West, Director of Community Connections and Collaborative Learning Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank</i></p> <p>Hi, I would urge that food access and food security be factored in to transportation and infrastructure planning, and that there is a transparent process to see how those and other factors came together for you to arrive at final plans. I am happy to provide more information on what kinds of information or tools are available so that food access and food security are factored in.</p>

Response: Thank you for your comments. SPC has looked into access to food in previous corridor studies. SPC's Economic Development team will be starting a food program in the near future that will examine addressing food insecurity throughout the region. In addition, SPC's transit planners have been involved in transit studies where food access is a component of the transit study.

Freight	Freight	Allegheny	<p><i>Ayden Kozak</i></p> <p>Last mile concern</p>
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Response: Thank you for your comment, as we know the last mile is a vital component of ensuring freight accessibility.

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Greater Pittsburgh Regional Roadmap to Organic Waste Recovery	Environmental Concerns	Allegheny	<i>Aftyn Giles</i> Yes, we could use regional planning around the siting of waste recovery Transfer Stations. Create strategies to reduce organic waste, and create the infrastructure for organic waste recovery to allow for bio digestion and municipal composting to occur. Pittsburgh and CONNECT are coordinating the work with 10 municipalities currently. Air quality issues are caused by the organic waste as well as the low mileage of the refuse trucks running on diesel carrying the waste. Regional soil quality, food waste, and wildlife control is also part of the conversation around organic waste reduction and recovery. Submitted an email with more details to sponprgmsgmt. The email subject is: SPC Programs and Climate Action EPA Grant. I'd like to follow up with SPC about regional organic waste and zero waste planning.

Response: Thank you for attending our Public Participation Panel and for following up on the pending Climate Pollution Reduction Grant and SPC's climate action planning activities. Our staff would be happy to discuss the details of your initiative further with you.

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Hill District is a food desert	Bus/Transit	Allegheny	<i>Nicole Gallagher nicole@pittsburghforpublictransit.org Comment from resident and transit rider Teaira Collins</i> <p>If buses ran more consistently I would be able to get around better and spend hours of my day doing things that are important to me instead of waiting on buses. Errands that used to take 4 hours of running around the city now take 6-8 hours. The Hill District is a food desert. My community has to leave the neighborhood to get food and we rely on buses to do so. When I have important things to do, I take jitneys now, because I cannot rely on our public transit. So now I have to budget for buses to be late. I could be saving money if transportation ran like it used to.</p>

Response: Thank you for the comment. It is always good for SPC's transit planners to get insight into the transit users' experiences throughout the region. The points made about PRT's frequency of service in certain neighborhoods of the City and overall service are well-taken. I would point to the multiple references in the Long-Range Transportation Plan (SmartMoves document) and the project tables to PRT's long-range plan, NexTransit - particularly the the planning project (already underway) to redesign the current system in order to generate ideas to increase the efficiency and usage of the system. Your comment about specific service gaps will be forwarded to PRT's operations team.

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Hill District, bus service is getting worse,	Bus/Transit, Fare Increase,	Allegheny	<p><i>Nicole Gallagher</i> <i>nicole@pittsburghforpublictransit.org</i> <i>Comment from resident and transit rider Teaira Collins</i></p> <p>Comment from Pittsburgh resident and transit rider Teaira Collins: My name is Teaira Collins, I was born and raised in Pittsburgh and I have been riding public transit for almost 40 years now. I am a resident of the Hill District, though I have lived all over the city and have family in different parts of the city. So I experience a range of bus routes regularly. In the years I've been riding the bus, I have seen the service get worse, and the fare has only increased. I know transit can run better because it used to. Buses used to run till 2am leaving town, now the latest buses leave around 10pm. How are working people supposed to get to and from their jobs in the later hours? Not to mention that in general, buses run far less consistently in the evening and night hours. Buses don't run on time and often buses scheduled at a certain time just don't come at all. I have noticed that the bus lines 57 and 83 never show up for their 8pm stops. Last week, I was headed home to meet my child at his bus stop and my bus was so late that my son had to wait for 10 minutes by his bus stop for me. This is a safety hazard! I've seen 2 buses come within 10 minutes of each other and the third show up 30 minutes later. Why are buses running 45 minutes apart during the middle of the day when they pass schools, hospitals and grocery stores? We need dependable, more frequent and better service.</p>

Response: Thank you for the comment. It is always good for SPC's transit planners to get insight into the transit users' experiences throughout the region. The points made about PRT's service area, span and on-time performance are well-taken. I would point to the multiple references in the Long-Range Transportation Plan (SmartMoves document) and the project tables to PRT's long-range plan, NexTransit - particularly the planning project (already underway) to redesign the current system and study to increase the efficiency and usage of the system. Your comments will also be forwarded to PRT's operations team.

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I want to see more communities become more resilient and have the access that they need to clean air, water, transit, and a brighter future. However, I do worry about what the future holds for providing the needed service and keeping transit workers, beca	Bus Transit	Allegheny	<p data-bbox="1190 277 1749 370"><i>Nicole Gallagher</i> <i>nicole@pittsburghforpublictransit.org</i> <i>Comment from PRT Operator Sue Scanlon</i></p> <p data-bbox="1190 383 1927 1536">Comment from PRT operator Sue Scanlon: Hello, my name is Sue Scanlon and I work as an operator for Pittsburgh Regional Transit. I have several years as an operator and driving a variety of routes in Allegheny County. The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's long-range plan for the next 25 years is the kind of plan that I want to see come to life. I want to see more communities become more resilient and have the access that they need to clean air, water, transit, and a brighter future. However, I do worry about what the future holds for providing the needed service and keeping transit workers, because we are facing a lot of challenges. I am concerned that we will not be able to continue to provide the level of service we have in the past. I see the schedule getting smaller and the amount of hours we work getting longer. I love my job, but it feels like we can't keep up and morale among my many of us has decreased. As more people leave for other jobs, and we face close to 300 employees retiring in the next year, that puts a strain on those of us who left. It puts a strain on the riders as well. One of the things that I love about being an operator is getting to know riders and what their lives are like, and listening to their stories. I've seen what happens when we don't have the people to meet the schedule. People design their whole lives around the bus schedule and when we can't provide the service anymore, they are forced to move. I'd like to share the story of one of my passengers, a young man who boarded the shuttle I was driving one morning in Mt. Washington. He was well dressed in a suit; he looked like he was going somewhere important. He boarded my shuttle again later in the afternoon, this time dressed more casually. I asked him where he'd gone looking so dapper. He told me he'd been on an interview at a restaurant in Station Square. I congratulated him and wished him all the best in getting the job. He responded sadly that he knew he wasn't going to get it. They were going to do a background check on him and he had a felony on his record. He told me he was trying to work closer to his home in Mt. Washington because the commute to his job at Bob Evans on McKnight Road was breaking him. He took public transit everyday to his job, but the #12 bus that runs up McKnight Road was no longer running when he got out of work at night. So he would walk the entire length of McKnight Road, in the dark, in all types of weather, with its lack of sidewalks, just to make it to the T downtown. It took him hours to get home every night. Then he'd wake up and do it all over again in the morning. All of the service workers who work on McKnight Road and take bus #12 get stuck up there after 9 or 10pm. People are stranded at night on a road where there are high incidents of pedestrians getting hit by cars.</p>

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			<p>There's a lot of talk about getting teens off of the streets, but if we want them to work and be productive members of society, we have to provide a safe way for them to get to work. For some young people, these jobs are their only options, their only way out of bad situations and we're leaving them stranded. The vision that SPC has for transit can only be achieved by measuring the data in each Southwestern Pennsylvania county and budgeting to not only restore service to pre pandemic levels, but to expand service in communities blighted by lack of access. By studying individual counties, the SPC can make better short and long term plans for transit ridership growth and the increase of transit workers to meet service restoration and expansion goals. The SPC plan has the potential to bring long-lasting impacts and improvements to the way that thousands of residents live and move. There are so many great points in the Long Range Transportation Plan regarding equitable housing near public transit, connecting neighborhoods of Pittsburgh through the north-south connector and BRT routes. Without clear and measured public transit service restoration, expansion and hiring goals, Southwestern PA will not rise to meet present and future needs for us all to have safe, healthy, connected, and thriving places to call home.</p>

Response: Thank you for this well composed comment concerning transit service and the state of the transit industry in the region. We work with the region's transit operators - including PRT - to provide technical assistance - including data analysis - to help the operators initiate various programs designed to attract laborers. we always appreciate getting a view of transit in the region from the users' perspective and the included anecdote about McKnight Road service is informative. The points made about PRT's frequency of service in certain neighborhoods of the City and overall service are well-taken. I would point to the multiple references in the Long-Range Transportation Plan (SmartMoves document) and the project tables to PRT's long-range plan, NexTransit - particularly the the planning project (already underway) to redesign the current system in order to generate ideas to increase the efficiency and usage of the system. Your comments about specific service gaps and inadequate service span will be forwarded to PRT operations.

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Land Use/Economic Development	Land Use/Economic Development .	Allegheny	<i>Ayden Kozak</i> Elizabeth Township has a comprehensive plan to infill its land while preserving undevelopment lands, however it needs a boost.

Response: Thank you for your comment. We appreciate you bringing this issue to our attention.

Land Use/Economic Development	Land Use/Economic Development .	Allegheny	<i>Cooper Snyder</i> Lots of single family PRDs have been built in the area with 0 alternatives to driving and traffic in the area continues to get worse. As southern butler county develops it makes traffic on the road I live in worse and more of a nuisance. The increased driving and sprawling development contributes to increasing noise, light, and air pollution and reduces quality of life for the many residents living on main and minor arterials living in the area as new residents have to drive to every conceivable place they go
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Response: Local land use decisions and land development is under the jurisdiction of the local municipality and the existing development or subdivision ordinances in place. Thank you for your comments and perspective on what you've encountered. We will share your comments with Allegheny County and Pine Township.

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Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Allegheny	<i>Debra Dyer</i> Safer transit stops/park and ride lots needed, As a parent of a Low Vision daughter who relies on PRT, and I also use it regularly, we've noticed that the signage on the bus displays are getting smaller. This makes it very hard to read. I'm fully sighted and have problems. Also the new color scheme makes a bus harder to spot. Brighter colors would be helpful. Suggest having a person who is a disability advocate, with experience on vision issues, on your team for input

Response: Thank you for your comment concerning transit service. SPC transit planning staff appreciates getting insight from the users' point of view. Your comments concerning PRT's signage and the safety of bus stops has been forwarded to PRT customer service team.

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Allegheny	<i>Cooper Snyder</i> Pittsburgh Regional Transit, There is no transit service when I need it, More buses are needed,New/additional routes are needed
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Response: Public transit investments are key strategies in providing mobility for Southwestern Pennsylvania residents, as well as mitigating the impacts such as air pollution and congestion that are inherent in a vehicle-based transportation system, while additionally contributing to many of the highway system goals. The current transit Transportation Improvement Program is \$3.259 billion and Stage 2 & 3 of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) transit investment is \$21.6 billion. Also, please reference Appendix IV in the LRTP where a detailed breakdown of both planned investment by funding category as well as detailed project information for planned investments in transit by all of the region's transit operators appear.

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Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Allegheny	<p><i>Giovanni Montagnino</i></p> <p>Pittsburgh Regional Transit, More buses are needed, New/additional routes are needed, Safer transit stops/park and ride lots needed, Add bike racks on commuter buses in Beaver, Butler and Westmoreland Transit. People can ride and bike from Pittsburgh to Greensburg, Latrobe, Beaver Falls and Butler.</p>

Response: Public transit investments are key strategies in providing mobility for Southwestern Pennsylvania residents, as well as mitigating the impacts such as air pollution and congestion that are inherent in a vehicle-based transportation system, while additionally contributing to many of the highway system goals. The current transit Transportation Improvement Program is \$3.259 billion and Stage 2 & 3 of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) transit investment is \$21.6 billion. Also, please reference Appendix IV in the LRTP where a detailed breakdown of both planned investment by funding category as well as detailed project information for planned investments in transit by all of the region's transit operators appear.

Maintenance on bridges is important, Public transit is important; Sidewalks and safe road crossings	Local Bus/Transit Service Provider, Bridge Maintenance	Allegheny	<p><i>Tao Neuendorffer Flaherty</i></p> <p>Maintenance on bridges is important; I appreciate the importance of keeping bridges painted and happy instead of waiting for them to fail. Public transit is important; I appreciate the importance of restoring pre-pandemic coverage and frequency. That's going to involve a lot of effort in getting drivers to work for you. But then we want to expand. I live in Mt Lebanon but want it to be easy to get to Carnegie Mellon every day. I love the T, want the T to extend to all communities it could help, and am a huge fan of the proposed aerial gondola. Sidewalks and safe road crossings are also important. I get around exclusively with public transit and walking. Public transit takes me from one sidewalk to another.</p>
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Response: Thank you for your comments and your support for the long range plan, transit service, and the state of the transit industry in the region.

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Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes	Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes	Allegheny	<i>Cooper Snyder</i> There is no existing pedestrian facility
Response: Thank you for your comments. If you could please share with us what specific location you are referring to, that would allow us to respond to you with a thorough answer.			

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes	Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes	Allegheny	<i>Ayden Kozak</i> There is no existing pedestrian facility and a lack of transit and walkability/bikability
Response: Public transit investments are key strategies in providing mobility for Southwestern Pennsylvania residents, as well as mitigating the impacts such as air pollution and congestion that are inherent in a vehicle-based transportation system, while additionally contributing to many of the highway system goals. The current transit Transportation Improvement Program is \$3.259 billion and Stage 2 & 3 of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) transit investment is \$21.6 billion. Also, please reference Appendix IV in the LRTP where a detailed breakdown of both planned investment by funding category as well as detailed project information for planned investments in transit by all of the region's transit operators appear.			

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PRT apprenticeships for multiple departments, including building maintenance for: electrical, pumping, and other fundamental utilities	Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Allegheny	<p><i>Cheryl Stephens Community Organizer Pittsburghers for Public Transit</i></p> <p>PRT Maintenance EmployeeThe apprenticeship program is important for the future of transit to continue to give training and mentorship for incoming employees. Pittsburgh Regional Transit is working on a training facility in Harmar. To keep operations running smoothly across the agency, investment should be made in apprenticeships for multiple departments, including building maintenance for: electrical, pumping, and other fundamental utilities. The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission can play an essential role in helping secure funds to pay for these apprenticeship programs that train workers we need to keep transit vehicles on the road and make the operators, maintenance, and facilities job much smoother.</p>

Response: Thank you for your comment and your perspectives on the importance of continued funding for apprenticeship programs in transit maintenance. The Plan details commitments for over \$24 billion in transit for the region over the planning period - 60% of that for operations and maintenance. Your specific comments regarding the maintenance initiatives at PRT has been forwarded to PRT operations.

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PRT Driver Shortage	Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Allegheny	<p><i>Cheryl Stephens Community Organizer Pittsburghers for Public Transit on behalf of Pittsburgh Regional Transit operator, Michelle Edwards</i></p> <p>My name is Michelle Edwards and one of the routes I have is the 28X Airport Flyer. My route is long, and there have been times when my break gets cut back because of the scheduling, which puts me in a painful situation as an operator. I am worried that there will not be many people left if we do not have enough operators coming in and staying. I appreciate that workforce training is being considered in the SPC Long-Range Plan over the coming years. Still, seeing a path ahead for transit workers isn't easy. Operators will retire as soon as they can receive their benefits because the conditions have changed dramatically, and there are increased health and safety concerns. Many people will be retiring in October, and I do not know how we will make up for the talent and experience lost in a couple of months. We are going to lose service hours as a consequence. The SPC plan has the potential to bring long-lasting impacts and improvements to public transit, and I've seen how many opportunities working in public transit can offer. But, if we do not have a way to develop an actual workforce pipeline of blue-collar employees into public transit, I worry about the long-term impact that will have on transit itself and in the long-term, SPC's goals to create a safe, healthy, and well-connected region.</p>

Response: Thank you for this comment concerning transit service and the state of the transit industry in the region. SPC's transit planners regularly work with the region's transit operators to provide technical assistance - including data analysis - to help operators initiate various programs designed to attract employees. The plan details over \$24 billion in total investment in transit in the region over the planning period. It should be noted that 60% of that total investment is planned for operational costs.

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PRT Driver Shortage	Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Allegheny	<p><i>Cheryl Stephens Community Organizer Pittsburghers for Public Transit on behalf of Lavelle Jackson at Pittsburgh Regional Transit.</i></p> <p>Hello, my name is Lavelle Jackson and I work as an operator in the Ross Division of PittsburghRegional Transit.I have worked for PRT for years. My concern as an operator is that our numbers are ultimatelygetting smaller and anything that the SPC can do to help agencies hire and keep workers for thelong-term should be considered in the long-range plan. As operators, we are responsible fordoing a number of tasks simultaneously: collecting fares, making sure riders are safe on the bus,communicating with maintenance, watching the road etc.Operators with years of experience are leaving and many more are coming up on retirement.Rather than stay, they are choosing to leave because there are increased health and safetyconcerns, they are driving even more hours, and it is taking a toll on us. It already has areverberating impact on the quality of service we can deliver. Over the years, routes in someareas have been reduced and that has a negative impact on communities who depend on us.The SPC plan has the potential to bring long-lasting impacts and improvements to public transitover time in PA. What I would implore SPC to do with its' budgeting power is to help agenciesto attract and keep transit operators, not only to stay afloat now, but to ensure that we will haveworkers in these jobs in the future.If we do not have a way to develop an actual workforce pipeline of blue-collar employees intopublic transit, the long-term impact will be a lack of growth because we will not have publictransit. I urge the SPC to use its budgeting responsibilities to work with the agencies of all tencounties in the region struggling with the same worker crisis to plan out a path finically to bringon more transit workers and make this a sustainable path for the future.Thank you,Lavelle Jackson</p>

Response: Thank you for this comment concerning transit service and the state of the transit industry in the region. SPC's transit planners regularly work with the region's transit operators to provide technical assistance - including data analysis - to help operators initiate various programs designed to attract employees. The plan details over 24 billion in total investment in transit in the region over the planning period. It should be noted that 60 of that total investment is planned for operational costs.

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Public transit Driver shortage. Improvements to our fleets and route expansions	Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Allegheny	<p><i>Nicole Gallagher</i> <i>nicole@pittsburghforpublictransit.org</i> <i>Comment from Danny Murray</i></p> <p>My name is Danny Murray and I've been a bus driver with PRT for 20 years. I drive the #59 bus through what I hear is the region with the most ridership in all of Pennsylvania! I believe that public transit is an essential right for all citizens. By not addressing the severity of the worker crisis, the SPC is not putting public safety first, which is what I ask you to do. Improvements to our fleets and route expansions are great, but not if there are no drivers to man these fleets and routes.</p> <p>Our time as drivers is being squeezed. The conditions we are working under have become inhumane. This is all having a negative impact on our home lives, our bodies are being destroyed. We simply cannot keep up with the demands of the job at this rate. Our jobs were already high stress, dealing with the public and traffic. We serve some of the most vulnerable populations - seniors, low wage workers, school children. We are front line workers, just like policemen and firefighters and yet it is not reflected in the budget laid out in the Long Range Plan. The SPC needs to address the working conditions of drivers in all 10 counties as a crisis and give the highest consideration to solving that problem, with the counties, first and foremost. This is a matter of safety and dignity.</p>

Response: Thank you for this comment concerning transit service and the state of the transit industry in the region. SPC's transit planners regularly work with the region's transit operators to provide technical assistance - including data analysis - to help operators initiate various programs designed to attract employees. The plan details over 24 billion in total investment in transit in the region over the planning period. It should be noted that 60% of that total investment is planned for operational costs.

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public transit to commute to work in Mt Lebanon, I primarily ride the T, or the light rail system	Bus Transit, Red "T" Line, More Shuttles needed, Notices only in English, No schedules	Allegheny	<p><i>Nicole Gallagher nicole@pittsburghforpublictransit.org.</i> <i>Comment from resident and transit rider Ricardo Villareal</i></p> <p>Comment from Pittsburgh resident and transit rider Ricardo Villareal: My name is Ricardo Villareal, I'm a resident of Mt Washington, Pittsburgh. I rely on public transit to commute to work in Mt Lebanon and to access all of my daily needs. I primarily ride the T, or the light rail system. Early in the morning in February 2022, I was on my way to my new job when the Red Line Train stopped running. At first I had no idea what was happening, the announcement over the loudspeaker was hard to understand and someone told me I would have to walk. I had lived in the United States for six months at this point and had only seen snow in passing once before in my life. Little did I know that this morning and for weeks after, I would grow very familiar with winter. The T was down and shuttles were running in their place. There was not a lot of information about the shuttles, no schedules, they did not run at the same frequency as the T and were based on whether PRT had extra capacity/free operators. On top of all that, the notices were only in English, so quite a few riders looked to me to translate for them. Being that there were no schedules, my partner, Lorena, and I started waking up an hour earlier than usual, at 4am, to make sure we caught the shuttle, or to give us enough time to make it to transportation by foot. Once while walking to catch the shuttle, Lorena fell and was injured because of the condition of the sidewalk. I have a very strong work ethic and am never late to work. I had recently switched jobs and was working in a new industry. Suddenly not only was I worried about learning my job correctly, but I was very anxious about being late because of this transit issue. This was a very exhausting and vulnerable time in my life. I was shocked at how bad the infrastructure in Pittsburgh was! I thought I had moved to a city with structure and order. It made me question my decision to move here and even my decision to switch jobs. As I currently look for a second job, I've decided it has to be near my first job because I cannot trust transit in the city enough to commute. In the few years I've lived in Pittsburgh I have seen more cuts to service than improvements. I would like to see more frequent and consistent service with communication in multiple languages. The future workers of Pittsburgh are already here and we rely on public transit to keep this city thriving.</p>

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	<p>Response: Thank you for the comment. It is always good for SPC's transit planners to get insight into the transit users' experiences throughout the region. The points made about PRT's emergency preparedness and overall service are well-taken. I would point to the multiple references in the Long-Range Transportation Plan (SmartMoves document) and the project tables to PRT's long-range plan, NexTransit - particularly the two planning projects (one already underway) to both redesign the current system and study the light rail corridors and service in order to generate ideas and projects to increase the efficiency and usage of those lines. Your comment about information and emergency instructions being promulgated in other languages than just English will be forwarded to PRT's operations team.</p>		
Public Transportation	Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Allegheny	<p><i>Dale R. Hutchison, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1743</i></p> <p>Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority, More buses are needed, New/additional routes are needed, Safer transit stops/park and ride lots needed, Increasing service in Washington County, Beaver County, Butler County and Allegheny County. Our Local Union (1743) Represents BCTA, MMVTA, Butler Transit Authority, Washington City Transit and Pittsburgh Transportation Group.</p>
	<p>Response: Public transit investments are key strategies in providing mobility for Southwestern Pennsylvania residents, as well as mitigating the impacts such as air pollution and congestion that are inherent in a vehicle-based transportation system, while additionally contributing to many of the highway system goals. The current transit Transportation Improvement Program is \$3.259 billion and Stage 2 & 3 of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) transit investment is \$21.6 billion. Also, please reference Appendix IV of the LRTP where a detailed breakdown of both planned investment by funding category as well as detailed project information for planned investments in transit by all of the region's transit operators appear.</p>		

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Roadway Preventative Maintenance, Bridge Maintenance, Safety	Roadway Preventative Maintenance, Bridge Maintenance, Safety	Allegheny	<i>Ayden Kozak</i> Other Roadway Concern (please specify) Nothing, the bridges here are good, nothing, the road is good

Response: Thank you for your comment. Your perspective is appreciated and we understand your concerns. If you have specific examples in your neighborhood that you would like to bring to our attention, please feel free to let us know.

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shortage in the labor pool, transit agencies, PRT add more service, hire more transit operators,	Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Allegheny	<p data-bbox="1190 277 1892 337"><i>Nicole Gallagher nicole@pittsburghforpublictransit.org.</i> <i>Comment from Gary Vargo</i></p> <p data-bbox="1190 350 1923 1338">My name is Gary Vargo and I've been an operator for PRT for 25 years now. I drive the #77 bus. While the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's Long Range Plan does address labor and hiring in the future, it does not address the gravity of the transit worker crisis at every transit agency in the 10 county region. We all know that there is a shortage in the labor pool all over the country, but that is not a reason to view the issues with our own agency or other transit agencies as "business as usual." If anything, it should be motivation to have a strategic plan for funds to go towards hiring, training, and retaining transit workers. We do not want transit to shrink down. Budgeting for the service we need to stay at the level it is now is going to be a fatal mistake. Because it is literally resulting in operators burning out physically and emotionally. Driving used to be an ideal job, and now we are losing coworkers because they do not adequately rest, meal, and recovery time to run the demanding schedules. Our work days have gone from 8 hours to 10. Run time and scheduling are so bad right now that breaks of any kind are not an option. I know drivers who wear diapers to work, others that have urinated in public trash cans because adequate restroom breaks are not provided. People are retiring early or taking their personal days more often, just to avoid working. I have been on leave for weeks now because of a back injury I suffered at work, due to poor equipment and the stress of racing everywhere from my next stop to my next short break. The shortage of operators in our region has become a health and morale emergency. I urge the SPC to think long term and create a budget that will let agencies like PRT add more service, and be able to hire more transit operators to take the pressure off of those of us who are out on the road now. Our schedules are tight and nearly impossible to fulfill with the people we have now. I see there is talk of updating and modernizing our vehicles, that's a good thing. In preparation for these updates, the SPC must run studies on the ergonomics of driving over years. Surely we can improve the equipment. I know personally how impactful a study like this can be. Ultimately, I know the SPC's plan can benefit riders and drivers across our region, but without addressing the current crisis we're in, I'm not sure we will get there.</p>

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Response:	Thank you for this comment concerning transit service and the state of the transit industry in the region. SPC's transit planners regularly work with the region's transit operators to provide technical assistance - including data analysis - to help operators initiate various programs designed to attract employees. The plan details over 24 billion in total investment in transit in the region over the planning period. It should be noted that 60% of that total investment is planned for operational costs.		
Traffic/Congestion	Traffic/Congestion	Allegheny	<i>Ayden Kozak</i> There is congestion during rush hour AND at other times of day/night
Response:	Thank you for your comment, as we know that regular traffic congestion can occur during the traditional work-commute times and when there are events happening that attract crowds.		

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Very serious driver crisis we're facing.	Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Allegheny	<p data-bbox="1188 272 1944 342"><i>Nicole Gallagher nicole@pittsburghforpublictransit.org.</i> <i>Comment from Mike Mazur</i></p> <p data-bbox="1188 342 1944 979">My name is Mike Mazur and I've been a driver for PRT for 7 years. I drive the #75 bus. While the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commision's Long Range Plan addresses many big picture issues, this report fails to address how the SPC will guide counties through this very serious driver crisis we're facing. The budgets need to address this as an emergency by coming up with an innovative hiring plan with counties. Counties need the fiscal resources and planning expertise to boost their staff to even higher numbers than pre-pandemic to account for drivers who will be retiring within the next few years and expansions. This immediate support will be one of the fundamental stepping stones for the Long Range Plan to be a success. I can tell you personally that as a driver trying to meet my run time, I haven't taken a full break since March. That's 3 months now that I have not taken my full 30 minute break, which wasn't much to begin with. My shift has gone from 8 hours to 10 hours. I have seen more injuries on the job since this staffing crunch and our jobs already came with serious physical side effects. It has become known amongst drivers that certain buses will always be late and some routes will just stop running at certain times of the day because we're already so behind on our run time. This is terrible for morale. The SPC can play a vital role in supporting counties through this worker crisis. You have the financial resources and can set up the investigations to help create the solution.</p>

Response: Thank you for this comment concerning transit service and the state of the transit industry in the region. SPC's transit planners regularly work with the region's transit operators to provide technical assistance - including data analysis - to help operators initiate various programs designed to attract employees. The plan details over 24 billion in total investment in transit in the region over the planning period. It should be noted that 60% of that total investment is planned for operational costs.

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This region has not offered decent public transit for 30+ years in the form of trains, trolleys, bike systems and infrastructure	Bus Transit	Allegheny	<p><i>Calvin Dziewulski</i></p> <p>To whom it may concern, I do not have much to say, but that I am a bit disappointed in the individuals who put together this plan. There is absolutely no investment in public transportation aside from bus maintenance (which should be absolutely standard regardless) and replacing a park and ride lot?? Really?? How ridiculous does that sound? It says \$400+ million for public transit so if I'm missing something, please educate me. And \$1.1b to repair some roads is crazy. This region has not offered decent public transit for 30+ years in the form of trains, trolleys, bike systems and infrastructure (sure we have rail trails but yinz got rid of the trains!), or even a decent bus line. When you invest in surrounding roads like this, you are not promoting the region but rather traveling through it. I fail to see how this proposed budget plan will benefit the people of the region in a way that will increase the economy and validity of the region. Cars are not the future, you cannot possibly believe that is the way to go as city planners. I understand there are necessities like unstable bridges and unkept roads, but some of this does not help locals. I hope you work on revising before putting such a plan into action.</p>

Response: Public transit investments are key strategies in providing mobility for Southwestern Pennsylvania residents, as well as mitigating the impacts such as air pollution and congestion that are inherent in a vehicle-based transportation system, while additionally contributing to many of the highway system goals. The current transit Transportation Improvement Program is \$3.259 billion and Stage 2 & 3 of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) transit investment is \$21.6 billion. Also, please reference Appendix IV where a detailed breakdown of both planned investment by funding category as well as detailed project information for planned investments in transit by all of the region's transit operators appear.

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422 westbound at the Armstrong high school entrance onto Buffington Drive	Safety, Numerous crashes have occurred at this location and traffic signals	Armstrong	<p data-bbox="1176 267 1428 300"><i>Stacy Gladysiewski</i></p> <p data-bbox="1176 308 1942 503">Oh, PLEASE make the left turn arrow on 422 westbound at the Armstrong high school entrance onto Buffington Drive just a left arrow only. We have had too many crashes there and a 45 speed limit sign was never replaced this past year. This intersection for the school seriously needs to be looked at since too many people fly east bound in the right lane then go straight. I have seen this too many times.</p> <p data-bbox="1176 527 1942 649">There is more on signage from me, but this is just a quick snapshot of a couple local locations just in Armstrong County, I know where there have been no speed limit signs replaced since 2006 when there was flooding on Hill street.</p>
Response:	The PennDOT District 10's Traffic Unit staff will reach out to the constituent to better understand the concern identified and then will coordinate for appropriate resolution as necessary.		

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Alternate 66 intersection, stopped at the stop sign, the stop line should be a bit closer to the intersection of the roadway	Other Safety Concerns, more signage, Safety speed	Armstrong	<p><i>Stacy Gladysiewski</i></p> <p>Also, at 66 and Alternate 66, when at the alternate 66 intersection and stopped at the stop sign, the stop line should be a bit closer to the intersection of the roadway. If you look left at the stop there, your sighting distance is blocked from some route signage you recently put up in the last 2 years.</p> <p>If you would like me to show you this area and what I mean I would gladly meet with you. These are just a couple of examples. There are many more signs needing to be placed differently so the driver can truly see the signs and help in the driving process. Here's a question, why do you have END Speed limit 45mph signs up instead of just putting up a 55 mph sign? This occurs on the south bound of route 66 just past Speedy's frosty freeze. This sign is in the middle of a hill and usually covered by tree branches. It is just not in a good sighting distance location.</p>

Response: The PennDOT District 10's Traffic Unit staff will reach out to the constituent to better understand the concern identified and then will coordinate for appropriate resolution as necessary.

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Dime road, alternate 66, the speed limit sign of 55 mph is too close to the intersection	Other Safety Concern, Dime road, alternate 66,	Armstrong	<p><i>Stacy Gladysiewski</i></p> <p>This is Stacy Gladysiewski from Ford City, Pennsylvania. I am presently teaching driver education theory and the behind-the-wheel instruction at Armstrong High School. Since I have been teaching for over 30 years, I have found that the signage is not positioned in the right locations. For example, when turning onto the Dime road, alternate 66, the speed limit sign of 55 mph is too close to the intersection. You are just getting through the turn and your sighting distance is too close to catch what the sign reads. There is more on signage from me, but this is just a quick snapshot of a couple local locations just in Armstrong County, I know where there have been no speed limit signs replaced since 2006 when there was flooding on Hill street.</p>

Response: The PennDOT District 10's Traffic Unit staff will reach out to the constituent to better understand the concern identified and then will coordinate for appropriate resolution as necessary.

Group signs together	Other Safety Concern, more signage	Armstrong	<p><i>Stacy Gladysiewski</i></p> <p>Also you should group your signs together instead of spreading out different signage, you are able to read a few signs grouped together. And this would help when any repair or replacement would be more efficiently done.</p>
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Response: The PennDOT District 10's Traffic Unit staff will reach out to the constituent to better understand the concern identified and then will coordinate for appropriate resolution as necessary.

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A New Road to the Hospital.	Roadway Preventative Maintenance, A New Road to the Hospital.	Beaver	<p><i>Tom Woolaway</i></p> <p>In the past there was discussion about building a new road to the hospital that would connect the fairly new Veterans Bridge to the hospital, with the new road being slightly North of the bridge on Rt. 51 to avoid having to go across railroad tracks. The current route from the Veterans Bridge takes it on Riverside Drive past some busy businesses, onto Sharon Road which goes under a narrow underpass to a 90-degree blind curve that people sometimes cut too short. Then a sharp turn up Beaner Hollow Road, which will be closed sometime in the future due to inevitable slides.</p>

Response: Thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with Beaver County and PennDOT District 11 and will be retained as input into the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program update. Your comments will also be referred to the PennDOT District 11's Traffic Unit.

Improve Access Roads to the Beaver County Hospital. Widen Dutch Ridge Road Hill and Beaner Hollow Roads	Roadway Preventative Maintenance	Beaver	<p><i>Tom Woolaway</i></p> <p>At times I see people walking up or down Dutch Ridge Road hill into Beaver or Beaner Hollow Road to get to or from Beaver County's hospital, Heritage Valley Beaver. This is extremely dangerous as people must walk in the vehicle lanes since parts of these roads have no berm. These 2 roads need to be widened so that people can safely walk along them. Better yet would be a bike path. Put the walk or bike path on the downhill edge side of the road to keep the heavier vehicle traffic away from the edge to slow the eventual sliding of these roads.</p>
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Improve Safety of the Veterans Bridge, Rt. 18 Intersection	Roadway Preventative Maintenance and Safety, new lines roadway markings	Beaver	<p><i>Tom Woolaway</i></p> <p>People driving south on Rt 18 about to turn right onto the Veterans Bridge have a false sense of having half of the underpass to make their turn. Sight lines are poor, so they are already too far into their turn before they realize they are driving into the oncoming left turn lane. I had the unfortunate experience of being in the left turn lane on the Veterans Bridge waiting at a red light to make a left onto Rt 18 north on a Saturday afternoon. An uninsured kid from Ohio came flying around the corner and hit me head on at about 40 MPH. It took 6 weeks and \$20,000 to repair my SUV. The bruising and headaches of my passenger and I luckily did not last as long as the car repair. Dashed yellow lines should be put on the road to help keep vehicles in their lane when they are southbound on Rt 18 turning on to the Veterans Bridge.</p>

Response: Thank you for taking the time to bring your concerns to our attention. Typically that would fall on the municipality and be part of the traffic signal permit. We typically don't implement shadow lines as they fade very quickly. Also, Veterans Memorial is actually County owned. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, traffic signals are owned and maintained by the municipality. The tracer lines support the signal operations so they also fall under the signal ownership of the Municipality. The comment will be referred to Beaver County and Rochester Township.

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Increase Public Access to Paths and Parks along Beaver River and Ohio River	Land Use/Economic Development, Active Transportation,	Beaver	<p><i>Tom Woolaway</i></p> <p>The rivers are a big part of what made Beaver County what it is today. We should continue to look to expand public access to land along the rivers wherever possible and increase the beauty and enjoyment of these areas. New Brighton should be commended for the work they have done on Big Rock Park along the Beaver River. The park has a walking path, picnic pavilions, benches, 2 views of an active Bald Eagle nest across the river and a fishing area below the hydroelectric dam. In Beaver, there is land along the Ohio River that could be enhanced to make it a more appealing spot to families, picnickers, walkers and bike riders by adding picnic pavilions, a walking path along the river, maybe a sand volleyball or basketball court, etc. There are one-way roads in and out on a hillside, that then cross a railroad track. These roads may need to be enhanced in the future. There is another access path from Bridgewater Crossing on Mulberry St Ext that is currently blocked that could be unblocked and improved to give additional access to this park land. At the end of 2022, 21 acres along the Beaver River in Beaver Falls were donated to Geneva College. Government entities are encouraged to have discussions with Geneva College about their master plan for this area and see where they may be able to work together on creation of a publicly accessible multi-use path, etc.</p>

Response: Thank you for your perspective. Your comments will be shared with Beaver County.

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Maintain and Repair Slide Prone Access Roads, Dutch Ridge Road (hill into Beaver), Beaner Hollow Road, Wildwood Road, and Park Road.	Roadway Preventative Maintenance, Maintain and Repair Slide Prone Access Roads	Beaver	<i>Tom Woolaway</i> Four of the roads in Brighton Twp leading to the hospital are built on hillsides and have been closed in the past due to slides: Dutch Ridge Road (hill into Beaver), Beaner Hollow Road, Wildwood Road, and Park Road. These roads need to have regular inspections and maintenance done quickly when needed to prevent further degradation and slippage of these roadways. Anything that can be done to stabilize these hillsides should be done. The one that is in the worst shape now is Beaner Hollow Road. There are spots where the white line has disappeared due to slippage down the hillside. This road should receive attention now to shore it up and keep it open. Wildwood Road will likely be the next one that needs maintenance.

Response: Thank you for your comments. There was a large project on Park Road last year that took care of all slope stability issues between Dutch Ridge and Brady's Run. Wildwood Road was repaired a few years ago and is not in any imminent danger of failing. Beaner Hollow is scheduled to be repaired this summer by a geotechnical maintenance contract. Dutch Ridge road is also scheduled to have some slope stabilization performed this summer as part of a group paving project. These roads are frequently driven by PENNDOT personnel and the PennDOT's Geotechnical Unit has evaluated the slopes and made repair recommendation which either have been addressed or are set to be addressed.

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Rt 228 in Clinton township, Butler county, traveling east just before the roundabout, at the intersection with Brewer Road, there is a 90 degree bend in the road.	Roadway Preventative Maintenance, Bridge Maintenance, Safety	Butler	<p data-bbox="1190 277 1785 305"><i>William Duncan, Clinton Township Supervisor</i></p> <p data-bbox="1190 318 1923 670">Thank you for the presentation and discussion yesterday and as was mentioned that comments could be made on other issues. Rt 228 in Clinton township, Butler county, traveling east just before the roundabout, at the intersection with Brewer Road, there is a 90 degree bend in the road. There have been numerous accidents and numerous times cars have run off the road at this bend. When the roundabout was being designed we (Clinton Township Supervisors and Planning Commission) asked that this bend be part of the project. PennDOT told us there was not enough money to include it and there was not enough history of accidents, but that they would make it a project. We have met with PennDOT several times since then and it has not been made a project and we have asked again and again that it become a project, but it never ends up as a project.</p> <p data-bbox="1190 703 1923 862">We know that all the times cars have run off the road, have not been recorded, and apparently all the accident have not been recorded, but it is an issue. Within two weeks after the roundabout was opened, there were two head on accidents at this bend. So our request is that this be considered and made a project. Thanks for your consideration</p>
Response:	The PennDOT District 10 Traffic Unit will review the accident history in the area identified by the constituent to see if those accident trends have changed. Once done, the District 10 Planning and Programing Unit staff will reach out to the constituent to better understand the concern identified, share the accident trend information, and provide appropriate direction along with resolution as necessary.		

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SWPA region have all been devastated by deep and lingering service cuts	Bus Transit	City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County	<p><i>Laura Chu Wiens</i> Executive Director <i>Pittsburghers for Public Transit</i></p> <p>6/8/2023 Pittsburghers for Public Transit (PPT)'s Public Comment on the 2023 SPC SmartMoves: Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Programs Draft To whom it may concern: Pittsburghers for Public Transit (PPT) is a grassroots union of transit riders and transit workers, organizing for a more expanded, affordable, equitable and accessible transit system in Allegheny County. Our region and our communities thrive with strong and stable investment into our public transit system. As such, we support the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission (SPC)'s Long Range Transportation Plan's call to increase capital funding directed towards public transit capital needs like building a fifth bus garage, replacing the light rail fleet, and addressing PRT's state of good repair needs. We support the need to expand local funding options to supplement state transit funding, and the holistic, equitable land use and TDM policies to make transit accessible to low income and other marginalized communities, and incentivize transit use over single occupancy vehicles. We particularly applaud the progress towards the visionary public transit projects being planned: of the North-South connector spanning neighborhoods like Allentown, Hazelwood, Oakland and the Hill District, and the extension of dedicated BRT corridors to Monroeville and Mon Valley. The latter project has been a central goal of our organization over the last several years, stemming from an extensive PPT participatory planning effort with local leaders in the Eastern Suburbs and the Mon Valley to identify priority transit corridors and infrastructure needs that would best serve those communities. However, while capital improvements and investments can make transit more accessible, safer and more efficient, there is a major omission in the current Long Range Transportation Plan draft. Over the last several years of the pandemic, communities across the 10 county SW-PA region have all been devastated by deep and lingering service cuts. In Allegheny County alone, total Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) revenue operating hours have been cut by at least 10%, through incremental reductions every quarterly service change over these last several years. For smaller transit agencies, service cuts can have an even more drastic impact with riders left stranded for hours. When transit service is reduced, so too is resident access to high paying jobs, healthcare networks, schools, childcare and community services. Without reliable, frequent transit service, our regional goals— for a robust economy, for clean air and lower congestion, for mobility for all— simply cannot be met, because electric buses that only run once an hour, or upgraded station areas that have limited transit service don't actually meet resident needs.</p>

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			<p>And there is no end in sight for transit service reductions. At PRT, the transit operator shortfall is a primary catalyst for these cuts, and this is mirrored in counties across the SPC footprint. Allegheny County fixed route transit now has a deficit of over 200 frontline transit employees, and the labor crisis is growing every day because of worker attrition and the hundreds of frontline workers anticipated to hit retirement age this year and next year. At this point, PRT does not even have the capacity to train new employees quickly enough to just replace those that are outgoing each quarter, let alone to close the frontline worker gap. Without ambitious worker recruitment and retention plans, without dedicated operating funding for these purposes, and without a focus on transit operators and transit service restoration and expansion in the SPC Long- Range Plan, our communities will not thrive. Fortunately, there is a blueprint for addressing the transit worker shortfall. TransitCenter, a national transit think tank and foundation, published a heavily-researched guide to addressing the labor shortfall entitled “Bus Operators in Crisis” last year with specific policy recommendations for transit agencies, municipalities, states and the federal government. More specifically for our region, the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 85 President Ross Nicotero wrote an op-ed published in TRIBLive that offered a number of suggestions around hiring and retention that takes into account the experiences of the thousands of current and former operators that he represents. These recommendations could expand upon the Workforce for Change portion of the SPC long-range plan, to highlight the workforce needs to specifically provide the transit service quality our communities deserve. Transit operator jobs are the jobs of today and the future. In order to have an effective, connected regional transportation network, the restoration and the expansion of fixed route transit service across all ten counties must be a central focus. The SPC should be a leader in visioning what a frequent and reliable transit service network across our 10 county region would look like. Sister municipal planning organizations to the SPC like METRO in greater Portland, Oregon centered the need for expanded service frequency and affordable fares in their long-range plan, and the San Francisco area Metropolitan Transportation Commission explicitly named goals and the cost to reverse pandemic-related cuts to total transit service hours as well as the funding needed to expand local transit frequency and reliability. At a minimum: ●The SPC must measure and report upon total transit operating hours currently provided by each of the fixed route transit service providers in the region, compared to 2019 pre-pandemic levels. The SPC should also assess transit service reliability for each of the fixed route transit providers, because poor reliability is often an indication of a mismatch between available labor and scheduled service hours, and can reveal deeper service cuts than what is visible on the published</p>

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			<p>schedule. ●The SPC should identify near and long-term goals for transit ridership growth across the 10 counties, and the transit service frequency increases that would be required to achieve that ridership growth. ●The SPC should track and report the shortfall in transit operators and maintenance employees needed to provide pre-pandemic levels of service, and identify how many new frontline employees would be needed in each region to expand transit service frequency to meet near and long term goals. ●The SPC's long-range transportation plan should budget for the increase of transit workers (including the operating cost increases needed to support expanded recruitment and improve retention) to meet service restoration and expansion goals, and not merely identify what funding would be needed to maintain this diminished status quo. Without a long-term plan to restore service to pre-pandemic levels and both budget and plan for the expansion of service, it will be impossible to meet the mobility and climate goals of the long-range plan. If public transportation continues on the path of fewer operators, reduced service hours, and shrunken route coverage, local economies will continue to be left behind. We are hopeful that the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission can be a compelling force towards reversing this trend, by centering the need for restored and expanded transit service and a strong plan for transit operator hiring and retention in the 2023 SmartMoves: Long Range Transportation Plan.</p>

Response: Thank you for this well composed comment concerning transit service and the state of the transit industry in the region. Our transit planners regularly work with the region's transit operators - including PRT - to provide technical assistance - including data analysis - to help the operators initiate various programs designed to attract employees. The points made about PRT's frequency of service in certain neighborhoods of the City and overall service are well-taken. I would point to the multiple references in the Long-Range Transportation Plan (SmartMoves document) and the project tables to PRT's long-range plan, NexTransit - particularly the the planning project (already underway) to redesign the current system in order to generate ideas to increase the efficiency and usage of the system. The comments about specific service gaps and inadequate service span will be forwarded to PRT's operations team.

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Patterson rd	Roadway Preventative Maintenance	Fayette	<p><i>Gabonay</i></p> <p>Patterson Road has drainage issue,</p> <p>The top of the hill has a very serious drainage issue that causes a massive ice sheet going down the hill. The issue is the result of a gas well company blocking up a rill (small stream of natural water) to put in a driveway to a gas well. They connected the driveway to our driveway at the bottom forcing us to stone the entirety of the area to keep the driveway functional.</p>

Response: Thank you for your comments. Patterson Road is a local road owned by Redstone Township. Issues regarding maintenance and drainage should be directed to Redstone Township. Your comment will be shared with Fayette County's planning office.

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Route 40 Roundabout, Route 40 and Stone Church Road intersection at Jackson Farms	Safety,	Fayette	<i>Gabonay</i> Serious crashes have occurred at this location, Numerous crashes have occurred at this location, Cannot see oncoming traffic while turning, Safety concern on a hill, Vehicles speeding around a curve, Oncoming traffic causes turning difficulty This location is low visibility and high traffic due to the gas station/ farm store across from a business and 2 residential streets that forms a cross roads at route 40. This location includes pedestrian traffic coming and going from Jackson Farms. It is situated on a hill with 2 bends. There are consistent accidents at this location. If there ever was an appropriate place for a traffic circle in Fayette Co., this is it. Traffic not only needs to be slowed for safety, but also must be directed in a way that allows cross traffic to move efficiently. Accidents occur due to many reasons, including low visibility, speeding, and stopped vehicles on route 40 waiting to turn. The stopped vehicles create a hazard when traffic lines up behind them to the crest of the hill, traffic approaching even at the speed limit do not see the stopped traffic until too late or nearly too late.

Response: Thank you for your comments. This area can be considered for a project or alternate improvements in the upcoming deliberations with county and regional officials for the 2025 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), but will depend on consensus from work group members in the Transportation Improvement Program development process to initiate, as well as studies to determine environmental, traffic, and other impacts.

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Rt 857	Safety Issue	Fayette	<i>Rachael Alderson</i> Vehicles speeding around a curveOther Safety Concern (please specify):Too many large trucks use 857 to bypass toll toad. A weight limit should be imposed/enforced on this portion of 857 to limit this.

Response: Thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with Fayette County and PennDOT District 12 and will be retained as input into the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) update. Your comments will also be referred to the PennDOT District 12's Traffic unit.

Bridge on Sheldon Ave (across from the park)	Bridge Maintenance, Freight	Fayette	<i>Brandie VanDusen</i> Bridge on Sheldon Ave (across from the park) Bridge weight is restrictedBridge is restricted to one laneBridge on Sheldon Ave (across from the park)
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Response: Thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with Fayette County and PennDOT District 12 and will be retained as input into the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program update.

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Clark Lane off Sheldon Ave	Preventative Maintenance Roadway has drainage issue	Fayette	<p><i>Brandie VanDusen</i></p> <p>Clark Lane Off Sheldon Ave Roadway has drainage issue</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Local Bus/Transit Service Provider Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation (FACT) New/additional routes are needed There is no existing pedestrian facility Bridge weight is restricted</p>

Response: Thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with Fayette County and PennDOT District 12 maintenance. Public transit investments are key strategies in providing mobility for Southwestern Pennsylvania residents, as well as mitigating the impacts such as air pollution and congestion that are inherent in a vehicle-based transportation system, while additionally contributing to many of the highway system goals. The current transit Transportation Improvement Program is \$3.259 billion and Stage 2 & 3 of the L RTP transit investment is \$21.6 billion. Also, reference Appendix IV where a detailed breakdown of both planned investment by funding category as well as detailed project information for planned investments in transit by all of the region's transit operators appear.

Freight	Freight	Fayette	<p><i>Bekki Elischer</i></p> <p>SR 857. Roadway design issue (turn radius, lane width, etc), Certain sized tractor trailers should NOT be coming down these smaller roads!</p>
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Response: Thank you for your comments. Act 31 of 2018 incorporated some important changes affecting how large vehicles regulated under the federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) can access which roads in Pennsylvania. Act 31 amended Section 4921 of the state's Vehicle Code (Title 75), the act now allows those vehicles to access certain state and local roads that were not previously open as part of the Pennsylvania STAA network. Under Title 75, Section 4902(a-b), municipalities have the authority to restrict vehicles by size and weight based on highway or traffic conditions. Typically, a study must determine if these restrictions are warranted.

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Gans Woodbridge Road, Do Not Allow Expansion of Roads in Gans	Land Use/Economic Development	Fayette	<i>Taylor Miller</i> Fay Penn is proposing a 12 foot widening of Gans Woodbridge Road in Springhill Township, increasing the negligible traffic on this road to 5,000 to 7,000 cars per day. I vehemently oppose this expansion or any other road expansion in Gans to support the business park that Fay Penn has proposed. This proposal would irreparably harm property owners and historic properties in Gans and can't be allowed.

Response: Thank you for your comments, they will be shared with Fayette County. Local land ownership and land development is under the jurisdiction of the local municipality and the existing development or subdivision ordinances in place. We would encourage you to please contact your municipality and let your municipal leaders know about your concerns.

Gans-Woodbridge Road, Springhill Township	Additional Comments	Fayette	<i>Brandon Miller</i> Long term property owners, residences, and churches shouldn't have their land taken to widen a road for an industrial park. No one with property along the road is in favor of this, and we shouldn't suffer for the benefit of non local companies. This road is frequently used for walking, jogging, and biking without issue. This planned expansion would destroy that.
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Response: Thank you for your comment. Local land ownership and land use is under the jurisdiction of the local municipality and the existing subdivision and land use ordinances in place. We would encourage you to please contact your municipality and let your municipal leaders know about your concerns.

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Gans-Woodbridge Road, Springhill Township	Land Use/Economic Development	Fayette	<p><i>Brandon Miller</i></p> <p>Fay-Penn is proposing a 12 foot widening of Gans-Woodbridge Road in Springhill Township, increasing the negligible traffic on this road to 5,000 to 7,000 cars per day. I vehemently oppose this expansion or any other road expansion in Gans to support this proposed business park. This proposal would irreparably harm property owners and historic properties in Gans and can't be allowed. I have contacted Springhill Township supervisors who agree, and Fayette county commissioners who seem to be in favor. Expansion of Gans-Woodbridge Road could have significant environmental impacts that aren't fully understood due to the rushed nature of Fay-Penn's plans. This road is bordered by creeks, streams, and farms.</p>

Response: Thank you for your comments, they will be shared with Fayette County. Local land ownership and land development is under the jurisdiction of the local municipality and the existing development or subdivision ordinances in place. We would encourage you to please contact your municipality and let your municipal leaders know about your concerns.

land use	Land Use/Economic Development	Fayette	<p><i>Rachael Alderson</i></p> <p>Our local economic council has owned close to 1000 acres in the small town of gans for close to 30 years. They have bought out land that locs would have like to buy to build homes on. They have sat on this property and paid minimal taxes and have hurt our township/school district by preventing individuals to buy/build and bring in tax revenue. Current land use plan is for 230 acre industrial park in the middle of a farming town and we do not want it here.</p>
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Response: Thank you for your comment. Local land ownership and land use is under the jurisdiction of the local municipality and the existing subdivision and land use ordinances in place. We would encourage you to please contact your municipality and let your municipal leaders know about your concerns.

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Land Use/Economic Development	Land Use/Economic Development	Fayette	<p><i>Bekki Elischer</i></p> <p>This is not needed . We the community have absolutely no desire for this to come into our comm. it's doing nothing but causing more harm then good already!We need to keep our agriculture land! How do you people not see that? Would you want to walk out and smell crap? That's what's going to happen when you put a sewer station across the road, good bye wildlife with a housing development!</p>
	<p>Response: Thank you for your comments, they will be shared with Fayette County. Local land use decisions and land development is under the jurisdiction of the local municipality and the existing development or subdivision ordinances in place. We would encourage you to please contact your municipality and let your municipal leaders know about your concerns.</p>		
Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Fayette	<p><i>Bekki Elischer</i></p> <p>There is no transit service when I need it, I have never seen a bus out there you can't even get delivery!</p>
	<p>Response: Thank you for your comments on transit service in Fayette County. Please reference the Long-Range Transportation Plan's Appendix IV for a discussion of planned investment in transit across the region and across the time period of the current plan. We would also point to the detail project listings for Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation (FACT) and note the planned investments in capital improvements. Specific comments concerning service frequency, area and span have been forwarded to FACT's operations team.</p>		

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numerous accidents	Safety	Fayette	<i>Tina Cavaliere</i> Serious crashes have occurred at this location, Morgantown Rd between the Shopping Center and intersection with Brownfield Ln. Numerous crashes have occurred at this location, Oncoming traffic causes turning difficulty, Morgantown Rd between the Shopping Center and intersection with Brownfield Ln has had numerous accidents. I propose that the speed limit be reduced and/or a stop sign be added at Tyrone Ave

Response: Thank you for your comment, this issue sounds more of a local enforcement issue with reckless driving and speeding concerns. The City of Uniontown and South Union Township can request a safety study from PennDOT District 12-0 with regard to your references to reducing the speed limit and additional signage.

Pedestrian Facilities	Bus/Transit, Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes	Fayette	<i>Brandie VanDusen</i> New/additional routes are needed, There is no existing pedestrian facility
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Response: Thank you for your comments. If you can provide additional information and context, we can respond you with a more thorough answer.

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Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes	Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes	Fayette	<i>Bekki Elischer</i> SR 857. There is no existing pedestrian facility, Again nothing! Watch for cars! Motorcycle, atvs, tractor trailers, people will run you over. I can barely mow my yard!

Response: Thank you for your comments. If you can provide additional information and context, we can respond to you with a more thorough answer.

Revitalizing Uniontown, PA. Future proof it.	Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes	Fayette	<i>Michael D Cesarino</i> I would love to see a parking lot at the beginning of the city of Uniontown. That people park their cars and walk the city instead of using their vehicles and make it a more walkable, friendly city like a city of Rome or Paris. Eating in town has so much downtown treasure. But no one ever sees it, because there are. because they're always in a vehicle.
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Response: Thank you for your comments, public parking in Uniontown falls under the jurisdiction of the Uniontown Parking Authority. Changes in downtown parking and street usage would be proposed to Uniontown city government. When state routes are involved, through the PennDOT Connects process, municipalities and cities can work with PennDOT to include active transportation options in transportation projects.

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Revitalizing Uniontown, PA. Future proof it.	Traffic/Congestion	Fayette	<i>Michael D Cesarino</i> There is congestion during special events, Oncoming traffic causes turning difficulty, There are several places where they need to have a stoplight or additional crosswalks. For pedestrians that are very dangerous in the city of Uniontown.

Response: Thank you for your comments. If you can provide additional information and context, we can respond to you with a more thorough answer.

Revitalizing Uniontown, PA. Future proof it.	Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes	Fayette	<i>Michael D Cesarino</i> There is no existing pedestrian facility, There are no curb cuts for wheelchairs, Crosswalk markings are old/faded, I have so much I could say here. There are so many places that need wheelchair cuttings on the sidewalk and there's sidewalks that need repair in the city of Uniontown. It's just pathetic. How many sidewalks? They're disrepair. I have to get on the road In many cases, because there's no sidewalk especially walking up toward the hospital. There's no sidewalks once you turn off of. Where WMB says those two streets going up to the hospital, I have no sidewalks whatsoever. I end up running on the road every time I must ride up to the hospital. To get blood work or treatment of some sort. And as a Power chair user, it is just ridiculous. There should be sidewalks everywhere.
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Response: The maintenance of sidewalks and ADA ramps in Uniontown are the responsibility of the the City of Uniontown. Where state roads are adjacent, through the PennDOT Connects process, municipalities and cities can work with PennDOT to include active transportation improvements in upcoming transportation projects.

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Revitalizing Uniontown, PA. Future proof it.	Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Fayette	<i>Michael D Cesarino</i> Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation (FACT), There is no transit service when I need it, The buses are not fuel efficient, More buses are needed, New/additional routes are needed, Safer transit stops/park and ride lots needed, There's several things that need to be addressed here. We need more hours for the busses to run later. The busses do not run adequately for someone who lives outside. of them. downtown corridor The bus is only run up to 8:30 during the week. And that is ridiculous for the people that want to go to Bingo. Or later on evening things out in Hopwood also. The reserve ride only runs till certain times in the afternoon and I. am not able to go out to dinner with my family because I have to be back at my house by 3:00 o'clock. because the reserve right only runs to my location till 3:00 PM It really affects my quality of life because the reserve varieties should be available. 24/7 Just like it is in Japan, another developed countries. We are living in America, not a 3rd world, shittle like Ukraine or Russia.

Response: Thank you for your comments on transit service in Fayette County. Please reference Appendix IV in the Long-Range Transportation plan (LRTP) for a discussion of planned investment in transit across the region and across the time period of the current plan. Also reference the detailed project listings for Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation (FACT) and the planned investments in capital improvements. Specific comments concerning service frequency, area and span have been forwarded to FACT operations.

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Revitalizing Uniontown, PA. Future proof it.	Safety	Fayette	<i>Michael D Cesarino</i> Cannot see oncoming traffic while turning,Safety concern on a hill, Traffic Signals are not working well
Response: Thank you for your comments. If you can provide additional information and context regarding the road and hill you are referring to, we can respond to you with a more thorough answer.			

Revitalizing Uniontown, PA. Future proof it.	Roadway Preventative Maintenance	Fayette	<i>Michael D Cesarino,</i> Roadway is in poor condition, There are several streets in the city that have considerable potholes. That are dangers for car and also power wheelchairs or pedestrians because there are some places that we have to get on the road because the city's sidewalks are unusable due to. Disrepair of years of no maintenance.
Response: Thank you for your comment. Regarding the condition of state roads in Uniontown, the comment will be referred to PennDOT District 12 office. The maintenance of sidewalks and ADA ramps in Uniontown are the responsibility of the the City of Uniontown. Where state roads are adjacent, through the PennDOT Connects process, municipalities and cities can work with PennDOT to include active transportation improvements in upcoming transportation projects.			

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Roadway Preventative Maintenance, Bridge Maintenance, Safety	Various	Fayette	<i>Vincent A. Vicites-Fayette County Commissioner</i> Needed suggested improvements: 1. Stop light on route 51 near bank and Perryopolis2. Flashing light on route 982 by Bullsken fire department3. Funds to reconstruct and repave cemetery Rd. in Brownsville Fayette County

Response: Thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with PennDOT District 12's office and will be retained as input into the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) update.

Route 857	Roadway Preventative Maintenance	Fayette	<i>Bekki Elischer</i> SR 857 Roadway is in poor condition, Roadway has drainage issue, Roadway shoulder is in need of maintenance/repair, Heavy traffic already on 857 due to increase in tolls - tolls in general. When you go to put an industrial park in do you really think people will use 43? No! They will use 857 causing more traffic and hazards to our roads and neighborhoods!
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Response: Thank you for your comment, the issues with the shoulder and drainage will be sent to and handled by county maintenance forces. As for toll roads, those locations are determined and maintained by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, which is a separate entity.

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Route 857	Traffic/Congestion	Fayette	<i>Bekki Elischer</i> There is congestion during rush hour, There is congestion during rush hour AND at other times of day/night, Oncoming traffic causes turning difficulty, Posted route detour issue, I live on this road - morning evenings non stop - weekends non stop. During the non stop! Because people do not want to pay the tolls!

Response: Thank you for your comments. If you can provide additional information and context, we can respond with a more thorough answer.

Route 857	Safety	Fayette	<i>Bekki Elischer</i> Serious crashes have occurred at this location, Numerous crashes have occurred at this location, Cannot see oncoming traffic while turning, Safety concern on a hill, Vehicles speeding around a curve, Oncoming traffic causes turning difficulty, Too many poles/trees , Safety concern on a hill, Vehicles speeding around a curve, Lines and other roadway markings are missing/faded, Oncoming traffic causes turning difficulty, Traffic Signals are not working well, Guide rails are missing or damaged, Penn dot does maintenance and doesn't properly sit signs out. Again traffic issues no yo industrial park!!!
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Response: Thank you for your comments, without specific locations a full response is not possible. The issues you addressed however, will be sent to Fayette County's maintenance team to investigate further.

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Safety Concerns Gans	Safety	Fayette	<i>Kathy Miller</i> Vehicles speeding around a curve, Gans road near store and above the church has cars and quarry trucks that go much to fast for those curves. We've had numerous accidents on that stretch.

Response: Thank you for your comment and bringing this issue to our attention.

Small bridge near Church in Gans	Land Use/Economic Development	Fayette	<i>Kathy Miller</i> The fact that FayPenn is pushing an industrial park in our rural area. The Fayette county commissioners have supported this regardless of community opposition. I feel that an industrial park will destroy our rural environment. We have a wide variety of animals, insects and plants that will be destroyed
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Response: Thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with Fayette County.

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Small bridge near Church in Gans	Bridge Maintenance	Fayette	<i>Kathy Miller</i> Bridge weight is restricted, We often have heavy trucks, usually from the quarry, that go back an forth over a one lane bridge that is not structured to carry that weight.

Response: Thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with Fayette County and PennDOT District 12 and will be retained as input into the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) update.

SR 857 Additional Comments	Additional Comments	Fayette	<i>Bekki Elischer</i> You care about our community? The environment? Wildlife? Agriculture? Our way of life? Yet you are ignoring us at every single turn! We pay Your salary. We pay taxes. We do not want any of this, rebuild what you have already built and let fall apart, without ripping up something that is necessary and letting it crumble like the rest of uniontown! You want to make fayette county better? Start in uniontown! And clean that shit hole up! Or get the democrats & republicans out and let the people who actually care do something! Which clearly are normal people not looking for a penny in there pocket! It's gross and sickening! Trust me connellsville isn't any better even with all the "work" they have done. Aka look at our water - is gross just like our commissioners. And fay-penn!
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Response: Thank you for your comments, they will be shared with Fayette County. Local land use decisions and land development is under the jurisdiction of the local municipality and the existing development or subdivision ordinances in place.

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There is congestion during special events	Traffic/Congestion	Fayette	<i>Brandie VanDusen</i> There is congestion during special events
Response: Thank you for your comments. If you can provide additional information and context regarding the location where you have experienced this issue, we can respond with a more thorough answer.			

There is no existing pedestrian facility	Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes	Fayette	<i>Gabonay</i> There is no existing pedestrian facility,
Response: Thank you for your comments. If you can provide additional information and context regarding the location you are referring to, we can respond with a more thorough answer.			

Wet Lands concern and environmental Concern	Environmental Concerns	Fayette	<i>Rachael Alderson</i> Wet lands on Gans Woodbridge road have been sprayed with pesticides for commercial farming.
Response: Thank you for your comment. SPC has no regulatory jurisdiction over wetland resources. Environmental permitting regarding wetlands in Pennsylvania falls under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the US Army Corps of Engineers. The County Conservation District can assist with connecting you to the appropriate contact at DEP.			

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Assistance for municipalities to make and administer grant applications and grant projects.	Additional Comments-open-Ended Response	Greene	<i>Lawrence Headley</i> Assistance for municipalities to make and administer grant applications and grant projects.
Response:	Thank you for your comment. SPC is happy to provide support to local partners looking to secure grant funding or receive technical assistance. Please email Dj Ryan at djryan@spcregion.org to set up a discussion with the relevant SPC team members.		
Broadband, Economic and Development	Land Use/Economic Development	Greene	<i>Lawrence Headley</i> Broadband - Economic Development in the "too hard" box for most townships.
Response:	Thank you for your comment. Through SPC's Regional Connectivity Roadmap, SPC has been working with counties and other partners to make technical assistance and data available for local governments to assist in planning for needs in individual communities. Please refer to www.spcregion.org/connected for the Connectivity Roadmap and various tools to assist local governments in their broadband planning.		

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Environmental Concern	Environmental Concerns	Greene	<i>Lawrence Headley</i> Community water and sewerage.

Response: Thank you for your comment. We understand that water and sewer infrastructure is a concern in Greene County. SPC's Water Resource Center can provide technical assistance and will be monitoring federal and state funding opportunities to improve water and sewer infrastructure.

Greene County Bridge	Land Use, Bridge Maintenance	Greene	<i>Lawrence Headley</i> The Game Lands, generate minimal tax revenue, shifting the burden to the ever-declining tax base since CNX/CONSOL keeps unloading land onto the Game Commission. northwestern part of the township at the mercy of a 120-year old bridge. The Game Lands are another story. They generate minimal tax revenue, shifting the burden to the ever-declining tax base since CNX/CONSOL keeps unloading land onto the Game Commission. These game lands have the citizens in the northwestern part of the township at the mercy of a 120-year old bridge. Anyone who frequents Cabela's/The Highlands from our area knows the bridge. It's been broken/closed twice in the last 6-7 years because of heavy trucks crossing. So with the Game Lands surrounding the area (including the WV equivalent), the fastest detour is 17 miles. Several alternate routes available decades ago, township roads, mostly, have been cut off by PA Game Lands. Efforts to replace the bridge in question have proven fruitless thus far.
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Response: Thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with Greene County and PennDOT District 12's office and will be retained as input into the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program update.

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Blairsville Riverfront Trail and Bridge over Rt. 22	Additional Comments-open-Ended Response, Trail and bridge over Rt 22	Indiana	<i>Linda Gwinn</i> Looking forward to having the projects being completed! Blairsville Borough and Burrell Township
Response:	Thank you for your comments. This project is programmed on the current 2023 Transportation Improvement Program with SPC Transportation Alternative Set-Aside funds.		

Bride funding	Bridge replacement	Indiana	<i>John Emerson Gibson-Thomas Engineering</i> is there funding for small Township bridges that are under 20 feet clear span?
Response:	Thank you for your comments. Projects to replace small township bridges, as you describe, would be eligible for state or local funds only.		

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Planning process	Planning	Indiana	<i>Peter Broad-Indiana Borough</i> I would like to see some evidence that municipalities are taken into consideration in the planning process.

Response: Thank you for your comments. With regard to state transportation projects, the process of PennDOT Connects is in place whereby local municipalities and boroughs are consulted with regarding planned PennDOT projects. SPC's public participation process includes outreach to counties and municipalities in the development of transportation plans and programs.

Broadband, Economic and Development	Various	Lawrence	<i>David W. Badger, New Beaver Borough Council-County</i> The lack of broadband and the New Beaver Borough has an anti-competitive factor. One company comes in from the North- another company comes in from the South. They refused to meet in the middle leaving a gap in coverage.
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Response: Thank you for your comment. Your comment will be shared with the Beaver County's Department of Community Development.

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Roadway Preventative Maintenance, Bridge Maintenance, Safety	Various	Lawrence	<i>David W. Badger, New Beaver Borough Council-County</i> I coordinated on this-the organic component of the asphalt (tar and chip) used in 2022 and Southern Lawrence County failed within two weeks. There is no gravel at the surface. Cars and trucks and trailers skid through intersections. Possibly the heat and 500 gravel/limestone and 40-ton dump trucks a day cause some of the problems.

Response: PennDOT District 11 is scheduling skid testing for that area and can follow up with them after the results are received.

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<p>Intersection of Weavertown Road and US 19. This concept called for an addition of a dedicated right-turn lane from US 19 South onto Weavertown Rd. Additionally, the concept calls for adding a dedicated right-turn lane from Weavertown Rd on to US 19 Sout</p>	<p>Roadway Preventative Maintenance, Traffic Congestion and Safety</p>	<p>Washington</p>	<p><i>Andrew L. Walz</i> <i>Manager</i> <i>North Strabane Township</i></p> <p>I am writing to support having the following items from the Northern Washington County Study from 2018 added to the 2025-2028 TIP cycle:1.Concept 7: Intersection of Weavertown Road and US 19. This concept called for an addition of a dedicated right-turn lane from US 19 South onto Weavertown Rd. Additionally, the concept calls for adding a dedicated right-turn lane from Weavertown Rd on to US 19 South, while dedicating two left turn lanes on to US 19 North. In further support of these upgrades, the Township studied this intersection in 2022, as part of our Traffic Impact Fee Ordinance study. The results of this study concurred with the findings of the 2018 study.2.Concept 7: Intersection of Weavertown Road with Hook Street and the I-79 Northbound off ramp. Concept 7 calls for the signalization of this intersection. In support of this, the Township had our traffic engineers perform a PM peak hour movement count in May of 2023. The traffic counts were then used to develop a traffic model of the intersection. Using this model, it was determined that under unsignalized conditions, the I-79 northbound off ramp operated at a Level of Service F. Existing queues along this ramp was observed to back up and almost spill out onto I-79 mainline.Under signalized conditions it was determined that the I-79 off ramp improved from a LOS F to a LOS D, while the entire intersection operated at an acceptable LOS C. All queues are predicted to be accommodated within the existing ramp storage areas under signalized conditions.To provide an LOS C or better, an additional lane would need to be constructed on the off-ramp, creating dual turning lanes. This would require Weavertown Road to be widened for 2 receiving lanes. Since the I-79 overpass is adjacent to this intersection, the widening of Weavertown Road would be very costly.In summary, the signalization of this ramp is required to provide an acceptable level of service and to reduce the queueing along the off-ramp. However, due to the environs of the intersection, the following other improvements are suggested for this intersection:-Weavertown Road westbound, approaches the intersection at a steep grade. Since cars will be stacking on Weavertown due to the signal, it is recommended that high friction surface treatment be installed for this approach. This should reduce possible rear end accidents.-Queue detection should be included with the design of the traffic signal.-A flashing “RED” signal ahead sign should be installed on the Weavertown westbound approach. This device should also assist in the reduction of any rear-end accidents.</p>

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Response:	Thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with Washington County and PennDOT District 12 and will be retained as input into the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program update.		
Jefferson Ave/Rt 844	Roadway Preventative Maintenance	Washington	<i>Linda Perry</i> Roadway is in poor condition, Speeding from WV state line all the way into the City of Washington
Response:	Thank you for your comments. If you can provide additional information and context regarding which roadway you are referring to, we can respond with a more thorough answer. Speeding is an enforcement issue that PennDOT cannot regulate.		
Greengate Rd underpass under the RR tracks	Roadway Preventative Maintenance and Safety, Dangerous area and turning difficulty	Westmoreland	<i>Thomas Nies</i> I would also prioritize the Greengate Rd underpass under the RR tracks; that is a very dangerous area, given the tight turn and narrow roadway.
Response:	This project, North Greengate Road SR 4002 RR Tunnel, is identified on the SPC LRTP in stage 2. This project is for the reconfiguration of SR 4002 (North Greengate Road) in the vicinity of a railroad overpass in Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County.		

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At the Donohue Rd / Georges Station Rd intersection	Roadway Preventative Maintenance and Safety, Traffic/Congestion, Roundabout	Westmoreland	<i>Thomas Nies</i> Hello, I read the article in the Tribune about proposed road projects in Westmoreland county. At the Donohue Rd / Georges Station Rd intersection, I would choose a roundabout. I travel there frequently, and agree about the backups that can occur. Drivers don't always (and some say rarely) take their turn; I have noticed many times that those next for a right turn just proceed. I often joke that right-hand turns aren't required to stop. I am glad to offer many more opinions! :)Thomas Nies

Response: Thank you for your comments. This project is programmed in the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A roundabout is being considered by PennDOT District 12 at this location.

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Horrible, deteriorated condition of route 30 (Lincoln Hwy) from the West Pittsburg St/W. Otterman St. area to the intersection of Route 982 east of Latrobe	Roadway Preventive Maintenance, Roadway in poor condition	Westmoreland	<p><i>Robert Gleason</i></p> <p>We recently relocated to Pleasant Unity a little more than 3 years ago from out of state and love the location site. An outstanding observation we made was the horrible, deteriorated condition of route 30 (Lincoln Hwy) from the West Pittsburg St/W. Otterman St. area to the intersection of Route 982 east of Latrobe. The constant hole filling over and over (almost always poorly executed), leaves a tough ride and battering of vehicle tires. Recent new paving executed west of the Ottoman west ramp entry was applied over a long stretch of road through the plaza area which was in far better condition than the stretch I identified. As I write this, I noticed a stretch of Route 30 east of Westmorland Mall had a "Skim" pavement applied over a rough stretch. The application was so thin, the patched areas can still be felt. I can only guess the cost of this application but it's life expectancy would be lucky to exceed this next winter. I have not read of any significant funding or plans to correctly resurface this length of highway. Given the traffic load, funding should be beyond a consideration stage. The Tribune-Review article in today's paper (June 5) did not mention this section of Highway. I will follow up this comment with a letter to the editor on the article as another form of communication. I thank you for the opportunity to accept public comments.</p>

Response: Thank you for your comments. This area can be considered for a project or alternate improvements in the upcoming deliberations with county and regional officials for the 2025 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), but will depend on consensus from work group members in the Transportation Improvement Program development process to initiate, as well as studies to determine environmental, traffic, and other impacts.

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Intersection of George's Station and Donahoe Road	Roadway Preventative Maintenance	Westmoreland	<p><i>Maureen Zang</i></p> <p>I appreciate Penn DOT's love of roundabouts but the average Pennsylvanian does not. I cannot find anyone locally who truly understands these traffic control measures. My real question is whether this intersection really needs an alternative for traffic control? Even at the height of 'rush hour' traffic moves steadily through this interchange. Even a traffic light would now create a backlog of vehicles waiting when there is no cross traffic, a situation that happens way too often and creates the perception that our transportation experts actually do not know what they are doing. Please leave this intersection alone and focus on more pressing transportation bottlenecks. How about the interchange at Best Buy where we have to drive through the parking lot to try to merge onto Donohoe Road to get to the light at Roseytown Road?</p>

Response: Thank you for your comments. US 30 at Donohoe Road can be considered for a project or alternate improvements in the upcoming deliberations with county and regional officials for the 2025 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), but will depend on consensus from work group members in the Transportation Improvement Program development process to initiate, as well as studies to determine environmental, traffic, and other impacts.

Intersection of Hollywood Boulevard and Rt. 22	Traffic/Congestion	Westmoreland	<p><i>Maureen Zang</i></p> <p>Remove the No Right Turn on Red sign when turning from Hollywood Blvd onto Route 22 eastbound.</p>
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Response: Thank you for your comments, this comment will be passed to the PennDOT District 12's traffic unit for further considerations.

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Rt 30 at Mountainview; anyone trying to turn left from White School Rd (i.e. Village Dr) onto westbound Rt 30 faces delays	Traffic/Congestion, Safety, Turning Difficulty	Westmoreland	<i>Thomas Nies</i> I didn't see any reference to another heavy-backup intersection, namely Rt 30 at Mountainview; anyone trying to turn left from White School Rd (i.e. Village Dr) onto westbound Rt 30 faces delays, often missing the traffic light. A left-turn signal in both directions should be considered.

Response: Thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with Fayette County and PennDOT District 12's office and will be retained as input into the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program update.

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Project	Project Description	County	Comment Source, Comment Summary
What concerns me is the portion of Interstate 70 I'm talking specifically about the portion west of the Toll 43 cloverleaf, for about four or five miles to the interchange with State Route 201 in Rostraver Township.	Roadway Preventative Maintenance, Bridge Maintenance, Safety	Westmoreland	<p data-bbox="1190 277 1759 305"><i>Michael Natale, Smithton PA Chief of Police</i></p> <p data-bbox="1190 318 1927 1526">Good afternoon.I would like to comment on what I see as a big, gaping hole in Southwestern Pennsylvania's transportation infrastructure, at least as far as upgrades and repairs are concerned. I would consider myself to be more knowledgeable on the subject than the average citizen, since I follow the news on construction plans and projects through PennDOT, the Turnpike Commission and elsewhere. For example, I am rather familiar with PennDOT's ongoing project to reconstruct and upgrade the Interstate 70 corridor between New Stanton and Washington. The public can see those plans on www.i-70projects.com. Just recently they re-did the Madison interchange with THREE roundabouts, which I am sure was sorely needed for the five cars per hour that use that interchange.I know that this portion of Interstate 70 was built as a local connector road in the early 1950's, before the Interstate Highway Network was even created, and that the road was pressed into service as an interstate until a proper upgrade could be built, which, essentially, never happened. So the road has many shortcomings which fall far below the standards of Interstate highway design, like narrow or non-existent shoulders, and comically short entrance and exit ramps. And, as I have mentioned, PennDOT has been on a program to fix the roadway and bring it up to those standards. Well, most of the road, anyways. What concerns me is the portion of Interstate 70 which is quite close to my house. I'm talking specifically about the portion west of the Toll 43 cloverleaf, for about four or five miles to the interchange with State Route 201 in Rostraver Township. There are close to zero plans to fix this section, and I am fairly sure that statistics will show it to be the most dangerous section. The fact that they lower the speed limit to 45 miles per hour in this section is a pretty clear indicator that they know this section is dangerous and far below standards. Why is nothing being done to fix it?The centerpiece of this little section of danger is of course the Speers-Belle Vernon Bridge. Now, I will admit, the fact that I was very seriously injured, almost killed, on this bridge, as a police officer in a line of duty, certainly is a reason why I am speaking up on the subject, and a reason why I am so incredulous that nothing is being done about it. Again, the bridge was built in the early 1950's, and far below the necessary standards for a major Interstate highway bridge. There are no shoulders on either side, just maybe 12 inches from the lane stripe to the concrete barrier to the left or right. There are interchanges immediately on both ends of the bridge, with ramps that do not allow for properly merging traffic. If I need to request specific statistics from PennDOT I can, but as a local police officer and volunteer firefighter, I can tell you that serious accidents on this bridge are frequent, far beyond the one that almost killed me.From Toll 43</p>

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			<p>west to Washington, and from Rostraver east to New Stanton, the whole highway is being massively rebuilt. Hey, they may even be able to raise the speed limit from 55 to 65 or even 70, like every other rural highway in the state. Why the ridiculous lack of anything in the most dangerous section? I'm sure they'll say that they're doing something there. Sure, they built a new bridge at the Upper Speers exit (#39), so that taller trucks could pass underneath. Did they even bother to lengthen the westbound exit ramp? Of course not. Same with the North Belle Vernon exit (#42). You still have to come to a complete stop at the end of the westbound entrance ramp. A very safe situation there. And in the very congested Route 201 interchange, they couldn't even bother to replace the bridge! They just jacked it up a little. I've been to community meetings with PennDOT and asked this question, and have only received pat and dismissive answers. I will assume I'll only be getting more of the same. Nevertheless, this is my public comment. The bridge and the roadway on either side is deadly, and a fresh coat of paint doesn't do a damn thing to fix it. I see zero plans to address the problem, and that rather bothers me.-Michael R. Natale Long Branch, PA</p>

Response: Thank you for your comment. Studies are being initiated to determine an alternate reconfiguration of the PA 201 interchange and the surrounding roadways (Pricedale Road, and the intersection of PA 201 and Vance DeiCas Highway), as well as to change the template of the interstate to meet current roadway criteria. There is also a project to reconstruct Interstate 70 from the Belle Vernon Bridge to the Bentleyville Interchange to meet current roadway criteria on the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program, with later phases and construction being carried over to the 2025 program, and the upcoming Arnold City Interchange project will provide a modern interchange that will also help alleviate traffic at the I-70/PA 201 interchange by drawing more traffic to that location to access the area surrounding the comment area. We would be happy to further discuss these plans with you and will be contacting you to do so.

IV. Written and Electronic Comments



Public Comments May 11 - June 9, 2023

Ronda Craig

From: Cheryl Stephens <cheryl@pittsburghforpublictransit.org>
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Hello,

These comments on [SmartMoves for a Changing Region: Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Programs](#) are submitted on behalf of Mary Jo Bondi and Phil Bondi.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cheryl Stephens
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Hello,

Our names are Mary Jo Bondi and Phil Bondi, and we are residents of Scott Township in Allegheny County. We take the 38 Greentree bus, using the 38G and 38M to get to our destinations, usually around the community and to events in Downtown Pittsburgh. In the Executive Summary of the SmartMoves: Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission states, "This plan continues to focus on core transportation investments such as maintaining our current system.." One of the most important areas this commission can improve upon today in the current system is making the service better right now for riders in order to see it through to the next 25 years and beyond. For us, and other riders, we have seen our own bus service scale back in many ways.

We urge the commission to consider adding service and expanding. Last year, Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) eliminated the 38C, which eliminated service entirely to Orchard Spring neighborhood and the Chartiers Valley Intermediate School. Now, in order to get to the school, you need to use a car or be in close proximity to the school. If you use the 38G route, you have to walk 20 minutes up a hill to get there and that is not accessible to students after school busing hours, parents, or employees without a vehicle. While PRT schedulers stated that they would move those trips from the 38C to the 38G, they did not add extra trips for riders and that service has not been increased. Service is already limited where we are and we do not have another transit route option to get to Downtown.

Reliable and frequent service means we have the freedom to get to places we need to go easily. Every trip cut has an impact on us and if PRT cuts back on service, it means that our routes end earlier and we can only leave our home if we can guarantee that there will be a return trip. But reduction in the frequency of service makes it hard to plan the trips we need to take, including getting to our bank before it closes in the early evening when we are done with work. Less frequency has made the bus we take more crowded during the rush hour because more people are going to meetings and office work in-person. The crowding makes transit less comfortable to take.

Ultimately, we have cut down our own usage of the bus because it has become less convenient - from planning trips, seeing service getting canceled, and not hearing back from PRT when we call to confirm that our trip hasn't been canceled or need to know where the bus is when it is late.

We want to experience all our region has to offer, but that can only happen if the service improves and the commission takes to heart the most present need faced by riders in the region.

Thank you,
Mary Jo and Phil Bondi

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County

Allegheny

Q4

Municipality

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

Proposal Title

Public Transportation

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)

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Additional Comments

Additional Interest Needs to Be Addressed in Public Transit and its Marketing in the Greater Pittsburgh Area.

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Q3 Allegheny
County

Q4
Municipality
Pittsburgh

Q5
Proposal Title
Allegheny Cap Park

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Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

1099 East St

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Roadway Preventative Maintenance

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Bridge Maintenance

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Traffic/Congestion

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Safety

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Respondent skipped this question

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

Bus/Transit

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Freight

Q15

Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.

This area is well-suited to a highway cap park, covering the airspace above I-279, bordered by East St (west), North Ave (north), Madison Ave (east), and Tripoli St (south). See other examples, including Frankie Pace Park in the Hill District, to see how cap parks can revitalize communities and provide pedestrian access in areas that are marred and divided by highways. This concept has been introduced to Councilman Wilson, but not discussed in detail. There federal DOT's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program is an excellent source of limited-time funding to pursue this project.

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Q16

Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)

A cap park would help create green space where there currently is none and offer future transit access to the I-279 HOV lane, which sits directly below. Generally, these changes would help to encourage walking between both halves of the North Side and create a highly-visible demonstration of this useful and green concept.

Q17

Additional Comments

There would also be equity benefits from a cap park across I-279, whose construction largely destroyed the East Street Valley Neighborhood and today blocks many residents from amenities and economic opportunity. Pittsburgh has experience implementing cap parks to redress misguided urban renewal projects and better unite the City - this site would be a logical and meaningful next step.

Ronda Craig

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Hello,

These comments on the SPC's [SmartMoves for a Changing Region: Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Programs](#) are submitted on behalf of Pittsburgh Regional Transit instructor Sascha Craig.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cheryl Stephens
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My name is Sascha Craig, and I've been a part of Pittsburgh Regional Transit (formerly Port Authority of Allegheny County) for over 30 years. As a current instructor of Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT), I can say that one challenge our agency faces is maintaining transit operators to keep the service on the road.

At a time when transit agencies across the country need to find ways to attract and retain employees, agencies in Southwestern Pennsylvania could and should be leading the effort in workforce development programs to prepare incoming candidates for the dynamic challenges of being a transit operator and servicing the public.

The COVID-19 pandemic devastated transit nationwide and we felt the impacts at PRT with our co-workers getting sick, risking their lives to keep everyone safe and carrying them to critical services and jobs, without the luxury of being able to work from home. Now we have another workplace crisis on our hands.

Without frontline workers, we have no public transit to connect neighborhoods, reduce car traffic, move other workers to their jobs, or benefit from the multi-billion dollar investments in road infrastructure.

Fortunately, Western PA does have the talent to rise to the task. However, we need to invest in the people and soft skills for our current labor market to support long-lasting, strong communities across Southwestern Pennsylvania. Otherwise, we will see more experienced operators leave public transportation for careers in other industries.

We traverse aging roads and bridges carrying thousands of riders across every corner of Allegheny County daily. With the capital funds coming from the federal government, there has never been a better opportunity to secure the future of our transit system and our workforce with your long-range plan.

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Q4
Municipality
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Q5
Proposal Title
Bus Network Expansion and Infilling development

Q6
Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

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Q7
Roadway Preventative Maintenance
Other Roadway Concern (please specify):
nothing

Q8
Bridge Maintenance
Other Bridge Concern (please specify):
the bridges here are good

Q9
Traffic/Congestion
There is congestion during rush hour AND at other times of day/night

Q10
Safety
Other Safety Concern (please specify):
nothing, the road is good

Q11
Local Bus/Transit Service Provider
Pittsburgh Regional Transit

Q12
Bus/Transit
There is no transit service when I need it

Q13
Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes
There is no existing pedestrian facility

Q14
Freight
Last mile concern

Q15
Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.

Elizabeth Township has a comprehensive plan to infill its land while preserving undeveloped lands, however it needs a boost.

Q16
Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)

the lack of transit and walkability/bikability

Q17
Respondent skipped this question

Additional Comments

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Q1

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Pittsburgh / Allegheny Co. Task Force on Disabilities; Committee for Accessible Transportation; Pittsburghers for Public Transit

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County

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Q4

Municipality

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

Proposal Title

Respondent skipped this question

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q17

Additional Comments

The City of Pittsburgh-Allegheny County Task Force on Disability is a 13-member panel of people with disabilities and community advocates appointed by the Mayor and County Executive, who advise local governmental entities on issues that affect people with disabilities in the region.

The Committee for Accessible Transportation (CAT) is the official disability advisory committee for Pittsburgh Regional Transit and its paratransit provider ACCESS. The CAT has a long history of having a cooperative and collaborative relationship with PRT and ACCESS, and we're proud of our role in helping PRT (then PAT) become the first major transit entity in the U.S. to become fully ADA compliant.

Pittsburghers for Public Transit is a grassroots union of transit riders, workers and neighbors. Together we organize for an expanded, affordable and accessible public transit system that meets all needs, with no communities left behind.

We submit these comments to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) regarding its Long Range Transportation Draft Plan. Our fundamental concern with the Draft Plan is that –

- it lacks a coherent vision for creating accessible neighborhoods and communities;
- it fails to acknowledge the destructive impact that transportation infrastructure can have (and historically has had) on marginalized communities;
- and it provides no blueprint for how we will design accessible communities other than laudable generalizations like the need to “work together.”

Additionally, we believe that as a funder of a multitude of entities and transportation projects, the SPC must have a clearly stated vision and commitment to creating accessible neighborhoods and communities.

For community advocates, trying to provide input into transportation planning processes like the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) can be long and exhausting. Our recent experience has been particularly sobering knowing that we can't be involved in every planning process, and even when we are, it isn't clear that we've been able to make an appreciable difference in advocating for more accessible options. We find parallels in the historical experience of other minority communities. Transit can be an avenue to inclusion for minority groups, but only if planners take their needs into consideration. As quoted in the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation document, “Routes to Equity: The Future of Transportation in the Black Community” –

“Urban transit systems in most American cities, for example, have become a genuine civil rights

issue – and a valid one – because the layout of rapid-transit systems determines the accessibility of jobs to the Black community. If transportation systems in American cities could be laid out so as to provide an opportunity for poor people to get meaningful employment, then they could begin to move into the mainstream of American life. A good example of this problem is my home city of Atlanta, where the rapid-transit system has been laid out for the convenience of the white upper-middle-class suburbanites who commute to their jobs downtown. The system has virtually no consideration for connecting poor people with their jobs. There is only one possible explanation for this situation, and that is the racist blindness of city planners.”

1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Many members of the Task Force were active in the community participation planning process of the BRT project in Allegheny County. SPC was one of the funders of the BRT project, as shown on p. 9 of the Draft Plan's Executive Summary. Our experience trying to provide input to the BRT process, and the current state of the BRT design in the Uptown neighborhood, inform our comments to this Draft Plan.

In short, our experience with the BRT process showed a clear lack of commitment to a vision for creating accessible neighborhoods and communities.

We looked at the Draft Plan hoping that we would see a clear vision and strategy for creating accessible neighborhoods and communities – but found none.

Let's begin with the current BRT design in the Uptown neighborhood of Pittsburgh –

- half of the bus stops in this one-mile-long neighborhood will be eliminated. The distance between stops will be doubled;
- all public parking Fifth and Forbes is planned for the left side (except for one block). This is the inaccessible side for motorists with lift-equipped vehicles and those carrying passengers with limited mobility in the front passenger's seat, forcing them to exit the vehicle into moving traffic;
- a dedicated bus lane will be on the right lane of one-way streets for the entire length of the neighborhood (except for one block);
- access to the curb, for pick-up or drop-off of individuals with mobility limitations by private vehicles is eliminated for the entire

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length of Forbes & Fifth Avenues (except for one block);

- private vehicles will be able to pick-up or drop-off individuals with mobility limitations only on the side streets – forcing those individuals to walk up to a half block in rain and inclement weather;
- in order to meet the minimum federal requirements for paratransit (curb-to-curb service) – paratransit vehicles are permitted to use the bus lane for pick-up and drop-off. However, this will block the bus lane for the 10 minutes or more that it takes to board, strap down the wheelchair, and belt the passenger. In our experience, this creates a stressful and stigmatizing situation for people with disabilities;
- in response to our objections over the plan to block the busway for routine pick-up and drop-offs, it was revealed that the long-range plan for the neighborhood – to have new development provide accessible entrances through their back doors.

These design problems – longer distances to bus stops; public parking on the inaccessible side; paratransit pick-up and drop-off requiring awkward and stigmatizing blocking of traffic; forcing people with disabilities to “hike” prohibitive distances or use the back door – if these features were necessary because of old decisions made by our ancestors before accessibility became a consideration, we could understand. A plan today with those features for a city neighborhood is bad planning, and poor public policy.

On April 11, 2017, the Task Force wrote to the Mayor, the Chief Executive and PRT (then PAT) objecting to the status of the BRT plan. We said,

“The Disability Community does not often oppose “progress.” The old ways of doing things were often established before accessibility became a concern and progress has generally improved our ability to freely get around. However, what is alarming about the BRT Plan is the many ways that things will be worse for people with disabilities.”

For many transit users (particularly those with limited mobility), a nearby transit stop is an accessible feature of the system. The Title II Technical Assistance Manual (applying to the SPC, PRT, and the City and County) requires the maintenance of accessible features

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II–3.10000 Maintenance of accessible features. Public entities must maintain in working order equipment and features of facilities that are required to provide ready access to individuals with disabilities.

Despite our objections, half the bus stops in this neighborhood are slated to be eliminated based on vague claims of efficiency and ableist generalizations like “walking is good for you.” In our experience, any reason becomes reason enough to eliminate bus stops if there’s no commitment to creating an accessible neighborhood and community.

As a result, we read the Draft Plan with disappointment -- looking for a clear vision for accessible neighborhoods and communities, and strategies for achieving this – and finding little.

People with disabilities are also concerned about clean air, green technology and attracting business and work opportunities to our communities. We applaud the Draft Plan’s visionary statements and strategies for achieving these goals. Our disappointment is that the Draft Plan has no similar discussion for strategies for achieving accessible neighborhoods and communities.

Access to transit is obviously a critical element of an accessible neighborhood, but it is one of many considerations for creating accessible neighborhoods. If we only look at the features of the transit station, but ignore how far apart those transit stations will be, then, in our opinion, we don’t have a process committed to creating accessible neighborhoods.

Indeed, the only discussion we could find in the Draft Plan regarding a strategy for achieving accessible communities is found on p. 36:

“Working together to promote and implement best practices in land use policy, transportation planning, community development and leveraging private sector development will help communities and the region as a whole to create unique, livable areas with a sense of place that are accessible for all residents.”

We agree that working together is necessary, but our experience with the BRT process shows that it isn’t sufficient.

We believe that it is imperative for the SPC to have a clear vision, commitment, and strategy for constructing accessible neighborhoods and communities. We don’t find that in the Draft Plan. We urge the SPC to amend it’s Draft Plan accordingly.

Ronda Craig

From: Nicole Gallagher <nicole@pittsburghforpublictransit.org>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 6:08 PM
To: Comments
Cc: micmaz_98@yahoo.com
Subject: Public Comment Smart Moves Long Range Plan 2023

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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My name is Mike Mazur and I've been a driver for PRT for 7 years. I drive the #75 bus. While the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's Long Range Plan addresses many big picture issues, this report fails to address how the SPC will guide counties through this very serious driver crisis we're facing. The budgets need to address this as an emergency by coming up with an innovative hiring plan with counties. Counties need the fiscal resources and planning expertise to boost their staff to even higher numbers than pre-pandemic to account for drivers who will be retiring within the next few years and expansions. This immediate support will be one of the fundamental stepping stones for the Long Range Plan to be a success.

I can tell you personally that as a driver trying to meet my run time, I haven't taken a full break since March. That's 3 months now that I have not taken my full 30 minute break, which wasn't much to begin with. My shift has gone from 8 hours to 10 hours. I have seen more injuries on the job since this staffing crunch and our jobs already came with serious physical side effects. It has become known amongst drivers that certain buses will always be late and some routes will just stop running at certain times of the day because we're already so behind on our run time. This is terrible for morale.

The SPC can play a vital role in supporting counties through this worker crisis. You have the financial resources and can set up the investigations to help create the solution.

Ronda Craig

From: Chris West <cwest@pittsburghfoodbank.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 4:45 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public Comment on Long-Term Transportation Plan

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi,

I would urge that food access and food security be factored in to transportation and infrastructure planning, and that there is a transparent process to see how those and other factors came together for you to arrive at final plans. I am happy to provide more information on what kinds of information or tools are available so that food access and food security are factored in.

Thanks so much,



Chris West

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Allegheny

County

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Municipality

Elizabeth Township

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Proposal Title

Bus Network Expansion and Infilling development

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

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Q7

Roadway Preventative Maintenance

Other Roadway Concern (please specify):

nothing

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Bridge Maintenance

Other Bridge Concern (please specify):

the bridges here are good

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Traffic/Congestion

There is congestion during rush hour AND at other times of day/night

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Safety

Other Safety Concern (please specify):

nothing, the road is good

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Pittsburgh Regional Transit

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Bus/Transit

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Freight

Last mile concern

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Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.

Elizabeth Township has a comprehensive plan to infill its land while preserving undeveloped lands, however it needs a boost.

Q16

Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)

the lack of transit and walkability/bikability

Q17

Additional Comments

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Greater Pittsburgh Region

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Q3

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Q4

Municipality

Pittsburgh

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Proposal Title

Greater Pittsburgh Regional Roadmap to Organic Waste Recovery

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Q6 Respondent skipped this question

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

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Q8 Respondent skipped this question

Bridge Maintenance

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Traffic/Congestion

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Q11 Respondent skipped this question

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Q12 Respondent skipped this question

Bus/Transit

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Q14 Respondent skipped this question

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Yes, we could use regional planning around the siting of waste recovery Transfer Stations. Create strategies to reduce organic waste, and create the infrastructure for organic waste recovery to allow for bio digestion and municipal composting to occur. Pittsburgh and CONNECT are coordinating the work with 10 municipalities currently.

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Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)

Air quality issues are caused by the organic waste as well as the low mileage of the refuse trucks running on diesel carrying the waste. Regional soil quality, food waste, and wildlife control is also part of the conversation around organic waste reduction and recovery.

Q17

Additional Comments

Submitted an email with more details to sponprgmsgmt. The email subject is: SPC Programs and Climate Action EPA Grant. I'd like to follow up with SPC about regional organic waste and zero waste planning.

Ronda Craig

From: Nicole Gallagher <nicole@pittsburghforpublictransit.org>
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2023 3:08 PM
To: Comments
Cc: teairacollins4@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment Smart Moves Long Range Plan 2023

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Comment from Pittsburgh resident and transit rider Teaira Collins:

My name is Teaira Collins, I was born and raised in Pittsburgh and I have been riding public transit for almost 40 years now. I am a resident of the Hill District, though I have lived all over the city and have family in different parts of the city. So I experience a range of bus routes regularly.

In the years I've been riding the bus, I have seen the service get worse, and the fare has only increased. I know transit can run better because it used to. Buses used to run till 2am leaving town, now the latest buses leave around 10pm. How are working people supposed to get to and from their jobs in the later hours? Not to mention that in general, buses run far less consistently in the evening and night hours.

Buses don't run on time and often buses scheduled at a certain time just don't come at all. I have noticed that the bus lines 57 and 83 never show up for their 8pm stops. Last week, I was headed home to meet my child at his bus stop and my bus was so late that my son had to wait for 10 minutes by his bus stop for me. This is a safety hazard! I've seen 2 buses come within 10 minutes of each other and the third show up 30 minutes later. Why are buses running 45 minutes apart during the middle of the day when they pass schools, hospitals and grocery stores?

If buses ran more consistently I would be able to get around better and spend hours of my day doing things that are important to me instead of waiting on buses. Errands that used to take 4 hours of running around the city now take 6-8 hours. The Hill District is a food desert. My community has to leave the neighborhood to get food and we rely on buses to do so. When I have important things to do, I take jitneys now, because I cannot rely on our public transit. So now I have to budget for buses to be late. I could be saving money if transportation ran like it used to.

We need dependable, more frequent and better service.

Ronda Craig

From: Nicole Gallagher <nicole@pittsburghforpublictransit.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 4:02 PM
To: Comments
Cc: sue scanlon
Subject: Public Comment Smart Moves Long Range Plan 2023

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Comment from PRT operator Sue Scanlon:

Hello, my name is Sue Scanlon and I work as an operator for Pittsburgh Regional Transit. I have several years as an operator and driving a variety of routes in Allegheny County. The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's long-range plan for the next 25 years is the kind of plan that I want to see come to life. I want to see more communities become more resilient and have the access that they need to clean air, water, transit, and a brighter future. However, I do worry about what the future holds for providing the needed service and keeping transit workers, because we are facing a lot of challenges.

I am concerned that we will not be able to continue to provide the level of service we have in the past. I see the schedule getting smaller and the amount of hours we work getting longer. I love my job, but it feels like we can't keep up and morale among my many of us has decreased. As more people leave for other jobs, and we face close to 300 employees retiring in the next year, that puts a strain on those of us who left. It puts a strain on the riders as well. One of the things that I love about being an operator is getting to know riders and what their lives are like, and listening to their stories. I've seen what happens when we don't have the people to meet the schedule. People design their whole lives around the bus schedule and when we can't provide the service anymore, they are forced to move.

I'd like to share the story of one of my passengers, a young man who boarded the shuttle I was driving one morning in Mt. Washington. He was well dressed in a suit; he looked like he was going somewhere important. He boarded my shuttle again later in the afternoon, this time dressed more casually. I asked him where he'd gone looking so dapper. He told me he'd been on an interview at a restaurant in Station Square. I congratulated him and wished him all the best in getting the job. He responded sadly that he knew he wasn't going to get it. They were going to do a background check on him and he had a felony on his record. He told me he was trying to work closer to his home in Mt. Washington because the commute to his job at Bob Evans on McKnight Road was breaking him. He took public transit everyday to his job, but the #12 bus that runs up McKnight Road was no longer running when he got out of work at night. So he would walk the entire length of McKnight Road, in the dark, in all types of weather, with its lack of sidewalks, just to make it to the T downtown. It took him hours to get home every night. Then he'd wake up and do it all over again in the morning.

All of the service workers who work on McKnight Road and take bus #12 get stuck up there after 9 or 10pm. People are stranded at night on a road where there are high incidents of pedestrians getting hit by cars. There's a lot of talk about getting teens off of the streets, but if we want them to work and be productive members of society, we have to provide a safe way for them to get to work. For some young people, these jobs are their only options, their only way out of bad situations and we're leaving them stranded.

The vision that SPC has for transit can only be achieved by measuring the data in each Southwestern Pennsylvania county and budgeting to not only restore service to pre pandemic levels, but to expand service in communities blighted by lack of access. By studying individual counties, the SPC can make better short and long term plans for transit ridership growth and the increase of transit workers to meet service restoration and expansion goals.

The SPC plan has the potential to bring long-lasting impacts and improvements to the way that thousands of residents live and move. There are so many great points in the Long Range Transportation Plan regarding equitable housing near public

transit, connecting neighborhoods of Pittsburgh through the north-south connector and BRT routes. Without clear and measured public transit service restoration, expansion and hiring goals, Southwestern PA will not rise to meet present and future needs for us all to have safe, healthy, connected, and thriving places to call home.

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Allegheny

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Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

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Roadway Preventative Maintenance

Other Roadway Concern (please specify):

nothing

Q8

Bridge Maintenance

Other Bridge Concern (please specify):

the bridges here are good

Q9

Traffic/Congestion

There is congestion during rush hour AND at other times of day/night

Q10

Safety

Other Safety Concern (please specify):

nothing, the road is good

Q11

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Pittsburgh Regional Transit

Q12

Bus/Transit

There is no transit service when I need it

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Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

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Freight

Last mile concern

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Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.)

Elizabeth Township has a comprehensive plan to infill its land while preserving undevelopment lands, however it needs a boost.

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Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)

the lack of transit and walkability/bikability

Q17

Respondent skipped this question

Additional Comments

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Q3 Allegheny
County

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Municipality
Pine Township

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Proposal Title

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Traffic/Congestion

Q10 Respondent skipped this question

Safety

Q11 Pittsburgh Regional Transit

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Q12 There is no transit service when I need it,

Bus/Transit

More buses are needed,

New/additional routes are needed

Q13 There is no existing pedestrian facility

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

Q14 Respondent skipped this question

Freight

Q15
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Lots of single family PRDs have been built in the area with 0 alternatives to driving and traffic in the area continues to get worse. As southern butler county develops it makes traffic on the road I live in worse and more of a nuisance.

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Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)

The increased driving and sprawling development contributes to increasing noise, light, and air pollution and reduces quality of life for the many residents living on main and minor arterials living in the area as new residents have to drive to every conceivable place they go

Q17

Respondent skipped this question

Additional Comments

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Roadway Preventative Maintenance

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Respondent skipped this question

Bridge Maintenance

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Traffic/Congestion

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Respondent skipped this question

Safety

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Q12

Safer transit stops/park and ride lots needed,

Bus/Transit

Other Bus/Transit Concern:

As a parent of a Low Vision daughter who relies on PRT, and I also use it regularly, we've noticed that the signage on the bus displays are getting smaller. This makes it very hard to read. I'm fully sighted and have problems. Also the new color scheme makes a bus harder to spot. Brighter colors would be helpful. Suggest having a person who is a disability advocate, with experience on vision issues, on your team for input.

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Freight

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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Allegheny

County

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Municipality

Pine Township

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Proposal Title

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Safety

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Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

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There is no transit service when I need it,

Bus/Transit

More buses are needed,

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There is no existing pedestrian facility

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Respondent skipped this question

Freight

Q15

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Lots of single family PRDs have been built in the area with 0 alternatives to driving and traffic in the area continues to get worse. As southern butler county develops it makes traffic on the road I live in worse and more of a nuisance.

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Q3 Allegheny
County

Q4 Respondent skipped this question
Municipality

Q5 Respondent skipped this question
Proposal Title

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Q8 Bridge Maintenance	Respondent skipped this question
Q9 Traffic/Congestion	Respondent skipped this question
Q10 Safety	Respondent skipped this question
Q11 Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Pittsburgh Regional Transit
Q12 Bus/Transit	More buses are needed, New/additional routes are needed, Safer transit stops/park and ride lots needed, Other Bus/Transit Concern: Add bike racks on commuter buses in Beaver, Butler and Westmoreland Transit. People can ride and bike from Pittsburgh to Greensburg, Latrobe, Beaver Falls and Butler.
Q13 Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes	Respondent skipped this question
Q14 Freight	Respondent skipped this question
Q15 Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.	Respondent skipped this question

Ronda Craig

From: Tao Neuendorffer Flaherty <neuendorffer@googlemail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 11:59 PM
To: Comments
Subject: SPC SmartMoves: Long Range Transportation Plan

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Maintenance on bridges is important; I appreciate the importance of keeping bridges painted and happy instead of waiting for them to fail.

Public transit is important; I appreciate the importance of restoring pre-pandemic coverage and frequency. That's going to involve a lot of effort in getting drivers to work for you.

But then we want to expand. I live in Mt Lebanon but want it to be easy to get to Carnegie Mellon every day. I love the T, want the T to extend to all communities it could help, and am a huge fan of the proposed aerial gondola.

Sidewalks and safe road crossings are also important. I get around exclusively with public transit and walking. Public transit takes me from one sidewalk to another.

Peace and Strength,
Tao Neuendorffer Flaherty
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Q17

Additional Comments

Respondent skipped this question

Ronda Craig

From: Cheryl Stephens <cheryl@pittsburghforpublictransit.org>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 6:54 PM
To: Comments
Subject: SPC Long Range Transportation Plan Public Comments
Attachments: SPC Public Comment PRT Maintenance Worker (1).pdf

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Hello,

These comments on the SPC's [SmartMoves for a Changing Region: Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Programs](#) are submitted on behalf of an employee in maintenance at Pittsburgh Regional Transit.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cheryl Stephens
(she/her)

Community Organizer
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PRT Maintenance Employee

The apprenticeship program is important for the future of transit to continue to give training and mentorship for incoming employees. Pittsburgh Regional Transit is working on a training facility in Harmar. To keep operations running smoothly across the agency, investment should be made in apprenticeships for multiple departments, including building maintenance for: electrical, pumping, and other fundamental utilities. The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission can play an essential role in helping secure funds to pay for these apprenticeship programs that train workers we need to keep transit vehicles on the road and make the operators, maintenance, and facilities job much smoother.

Ronda Craig

From: Cheryl Stephens <cheryl@pittsburghforpublictransit.org>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 7:02 PM
To: Comments
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Hello,

These comments on the SPC's [SmartMoves for a Changing Region: Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Programs](#) are submitted on behalf of Pittsburgh Regional Transit operator, Michelle Edwards.

Thank you for your consideration,

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My name is Michelle Edwards and one of the routes I have is the 28X Airport Flyer.

My route is long, and there have been times when my break gets cut back because of the scheduling, which puts me in a painful situation as an operator. I am worried that there will not be many people left if we do not have enough operators coming in and staying. I appreciate that workforce training is being considered in the SPC Long-Range Plan over the coming years. Still, seeing a path ahead for transit workers isn't easy.

Operators will retire as soon as they can receive their benefits because the conditions have changed dramatically, and there are increased health and safety concerns. Many people will be retiring in October, and I do not know how we will make up for the talent and experience lost in a couple of months. We are going to lose service hours as a consequence.

The SPC plan has the potential to bring long-lasting impacts and improvements to public transit, and I've seen how many opportunities working in public transit can offer. But, if we do not have a way to develop an actual workforce pipeline of blue-collar employees into public transit, I worry about the long-term impact that will have on transit itself and in the long-term, SPC's goals to create a safe, healthy, and well-connected region.

Ronda Craig

From: Cheryl Stephens <cheryl@pittsburghforpublictransit.org>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 7:07 PM
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Hello,

These comments on the SPC's [SmartMoves for a Changing Region: Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Programs](#) are submitted on behalf of Lavelle Jackson at Pittsburgh Regional Transit.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Hello, my name is Lavelle Jackson and I work as an operator in the Ross Division of Pittsburgh Regional Transit.

I have worked for PRT for years. My concern as an operator is that our numbers are ultimately getting smaller and anything that the SPC can do to help agencies hire and keep workers for the long-term should be considered in the long-range plan. As operators, we are responsible for doing a number of tasks simultaneously: collecting fares, making sure riders are safe on the bus, communicating with maintenance, watching the road etc.

Operators with years of experience are leaving and many more are coming up on retirement. Rather than stay, they are choosing to leave because there are increased health and safety concerns, they are driving even more hours, and it is taking a toll on us. It already has a reverberating impact on the quality of service we can deliver. Over the years, routes in some areas have been reduced and that has a negative impact on communities who depend on us.

The SPC plan has the potential to bring long-lasting impacts and improvements to public transit over time in PA. What I would implore SPC to do with its' budgeting power is to help agencies to attract and keep transit operators, not only to stay afloat now, but to ensure that we will have workers in these jobs in the future.

If we do not have a way to develop an actual workforce pipeline of blue-collar employees into public transit, the long-term impact will be a lack of growth because we will not have public transit. I urge the SPC to use its budgeting responsibilities to work with the agencies of all ten counties in the region struggling with the same worker crisis to plan out a path finically to bring on more transit workers and make this a sustainable path for the future.

Thank you,
Lavelle Jackson

Ronda Craig

From: Nicole Gallagher <nicole@pittsburghforpublictransit.org>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 6:11 PM
To: Comments
Cc: dvmurray4@icloud.com
Subject: Public Comment Smart Moves Long Range Plan 2023

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My name is Danny Murray and I've been a bus driver with PRT for 20 years. I drive the #59 bus through what I hear is the region with the most ridership in all of Pennsylvania! I believe that public transit is an essential right for all citizens. By not addressing the severity of the worker crisis, the SPC is not putting public safety first, which is what I ask you to do. Improvements to our fleets and route expansions are great, but not if there are no drivers to man these fleets and routes.

Our time as drivers is being squeezed. The conditions we are working under have become inhumane. This is all having a negative impact on our home lives, our bodies are being destroyed. We simply cannot keep up with the demands of the job at this rate. Our jobs were already high stress, dealing with the public and traffic. We serve some of the most vulnerable populations - seniors, low wage workers, school children. We are front line workers, just like policemen and firefighters and yet it is not reflected in the budget laid out in the Long Range Plan.

The SPC needs to address the working conditions of drivers in all 10 counties as a crisis and give the highest consideration to solving that problem, with the counties, first and foremost. This is a matter of safety and dignity.

Ronda Craig

From: Nicole Gallagher <nicole@pittsburghforpublictransit.org>
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2023 3:04 PM
To: Comments
Cc: Ricardo Villarreal
Subject: Public Comment Smart Moves Long Range Plan 2023

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Comment from Pittsburgh resident and transit rider Ricardo Villareal:

My name is Ricardo Villareal, I'm a resident of Mt Washington, Pittsburgh. I rely on public transit to commute to work in Mt Lebanon and to access all of my daily needs. I primarily ride the T, or the light rail system.

Early in the morning in February 2022, I was on my way to my new job when the Red Line Train stopped running. At first I had no idea what was happening, the announcement over the loudspeaker was hard to understand and someone told me I would have to walk. I had lived in the United States for six months at this point and had only seen snow in passing once before in my life. Little did I know that this morning and for weeks after, I would grow very familiar with winter.

The T was down and shuttles were running in their place. There was not a lot of information about the shuttles, no schedules, they did not run at the same frequency as the T and were based on whether PRT had extra capacity/free operators. On top of all that, the notices were only in English, so quite a few riders looked to me to translate for them. Being that there were no schedules, my partner, Lorena, and I started waking up an hour earlier than usual, at 4am, to make sure we caught the shuttle, or to give us enough time to make it to transportation by foot. Once while walking to catch the shuttle, Lorena fell and was injured because of the condition of the sidewalk.

I have a very strong work ethic and am never late to work. I had recently switched jobs and was working in a new industry. Suddenly not only was I worried about learning my job correctly, but I was very anxious about being late because of this transit issue. This was a very exhausting and vulnerable time in my life.

I was shocked at how bad the infrastructure in Pittsburgh was! I thought I had moved to a city with structure and order. It made me question my decision to move here and even my decision to switch jobs. As I currently look for a second job, I've decided it has to be near my first job because I cannot trust transit in the city enough to commute.

In the few years I've lived in Pittsburgh I have seen more cuts to service than improvements. I would like to see more frequent and consistent service with communication in multiple languages. The future workers of Pittsburgh are already here and we rely on public transit to keep this city thriving.

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Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1743

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Q3

County

Allegheny

Q4

Municipality

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

Proposal Title

Public Transportation

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q7 Roadway Preventative Maintenance	Respondent skipped this question
Q8 Bridge Maintenance	Respondent skipped this question
Q9 Traffic/Congestion	Respondent skipped this question
Q10 Safety	Respondent skipped this question
Q11 Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority
Q12 Bus/Transit	More buses are needed, New/additional routes are needed, Safer transit stops/park and ride lots needed, Other Bus/Transit Concern: Increasing service in Washington County, Beaver County, Butler County and Allegheny County. Our Local Union (1743) Represents BCTA, MMVTA, Butler Transit Authority, Washington City Transit and Pittsburgh Transportation Group.
Q13 Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes	Respondent skipped this question
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Elizabeth Township

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Proposal Title

Bus Network Expansion and Infilling development

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Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

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Other Roadway Concern (please specify):

nothing

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Other Bridge Concern (please specify):

the bridges here are good

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There is congestion during rush hour AND at other times of day/night

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Safety

Other Safety Concern (please specify):

nothing, the road is good

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Additional Comments

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Ronda Craig

From: Nicole Gallagher <nicole@pittsburghforpublictransit.org>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 6:05 PM
To: Comments
Cc: ggvarg129@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment Smart Moves Long Range Plan 2023

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My name is Gary Vargo and I've been an operator for PRT for 25 years now. I drive the #77 bus. While the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's Long Range Plan does address labor and hiring in the future, it does not address the gravity of the transit worker crisis at every transit agency in the 10 county region. We all know that there is a shortage in the labor pool all over the country, but that is not a reason to view the issues with our own agency or other transit agencies as "business as usual." If anything, it should be motivation to have a strategic plan for funds to go towards hiring, training, and retaining transit workers. We do not want transit to shrink down. Budgeting for the service we need to stay at the level it is now is going to be a fatal mistake. Because it is literally resulting in operators burning out physically and emotionally. Driving used to be an ideal job, and now we are losing coworkers because they do not adequately rest, meal, and recovery time to run the demanding schedules.

Our work days have gone from 8 hours to 10. Run time and scheduling are so bad right now that breaks of any kind are not an option. I know drivers who wear diapers to work, others that have urinated in public trash cans because adequate restroom breaks are not provided. People are retiring early or taking their personal days more often, just to avoid working. I have been on leave for weeks now because of a back injury I suffered at work, due to poor equipment and the stress of racing everywhere from my next stop to my next short break.

The shortage of operators in our region has become a health and morale emergency. I urge the SPC to think long term and create a budget that will let agencies like PRT add more service, and be able to hire more transit operators to take the pressure off of those of us who are out on the road now. Our schedules are tight and nearly impossible to fulfill with the people we have now. I see there is talk of updating and modernizing our vehicles, that's a good thing. In preparation for these updates, the SPC must run studies on the ergonomics of driving over years. Surely we can improve the equipment. I know personally how impactful a study like this can be. Ultimately, I know the SPC's plan can benefit riders and drivers across our region, but without addressing the current crisis we're in, I'm not sure we will get there.

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Ronda Craig

From: Mike Mazur <micmaz_98@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 6:12 PM
To: Nicole Gallagher; Comments
Subject: Re: Public Comment Smart Moves Long Range Plan 2023

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Not just my lunch break, also regular breaks. Since March 1 haven't had any.

Thank you
Mike Mazur

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Friday, June 9, 2023, 6:08 PM, Nicole Gallagher <nicole@pittsburghforpublictransit.org> wrote:

My name is Mike Mazur and I've been a driver for PRT for 7 years. I drive the #75 bus. While the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's Long Range Plan addresses many big picture issues, this report fails to address how the SPC will guide counties through this very serious driver crisis we're facing. The budgets need to address this as an emergency by coming up with an innovative hiring plan with counties. Counties need the fiscal resources and planning expertise to boost their staff to even higher numbers than pre-pandemic to account for drivers who will be retiring within the next few years and expansions. This immediate support will be one of the fundamental stepping stones for the Long Range Plan to be a success.

I can tell you personally that as a driver trying to meet my run time, I haven't taken a full break since March. That's 3 months now that I have not taken my full 30 minute break, which wasn't much to begin with. My shift has gone from 8 hours to 10 hours. I have seen more injuries on the job since this staffing crunch and our jobs already came with serious physical side effects. It has become known amongst drivers that certain buses will always be late and some routes will just stop running at certain times of the day because we're already so behind on our run time. This is terrible for morale.

The SPC can play a vital role in supporting counties through this worker crisis. You have the financial resources and can set up the investigations to help create the solution.

Ronda Craig

From: Calvin Dziewulski <calvinddziewulski@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 4:57 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Concerns about infrastructure proposal

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To whom it may concern,

I do not have much to say, but that I am a bit disappointed in the individuals who put together this plan. There is absolutely no investment in public transportation aside from bus maintenance (which should be absolutely standard regardless) and replacing a park and ride lot?? Really?? How ridiculous does that sound? It says \$400+ million for public transit so if I'm missing something, please educate me. And \$1.1b to repair some roads is crazy.

This region has not offered decent public transit for 30+ years in the form of trains, trolleys, bike systems and infrastructure (sure we have rail trails but yinz got rid of the trains!), or even a decent bus line.

When you invest in surrounding roads like this, you are not promoting the region but rather traveling through it. I fail to see how this proposed budget plan will benefit the people of the region in a way that will increase the economy and validity of the region. Cars are not the future, you cannot possibly believe that is the way to go as city planners. I understand there are necessities like unstable bridges and unkept roads, but some of this does not help locals. I hope you work on revising before putting such a plan into action.

Thank you,
Calvin Dziewulski

Ronda Craig

From: Stacy G. Klukan <sgladysiewski1980@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2023 7:35 AM
To: Comments
Subject: transportation plans& issues

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Good Morning,

This is Stacy Gladysiewski from Ford City, Pennsylvania. I am presently teaching driver education theory and the behind-the-wheel instruction at Armstrong High School. Since I have been teaching for over 30 years, I have found that the signage is not positioned in the right locations. For example, when turning onto the Dime road, alternate 66, the speed limit sign of 55 mph is too close to the intersection. You are just getting through the turn and your sighting distance is too close to catch what the sign reads.

Also you should group your signs together instead of spreading out different signage, you are able to read a few signs grouped together. And this would help when any repair or replacement would be more efficiently done.

Also, at 66 and Alternate 66, when at the alternate 66 intersection and stopped at the stop sign, the stop line should be a bit closer to the intersection of the roadway. If you look left at the stop there, your sighting distance is blocked from some route signage you recently put up in the last 2 years.

If you would like me to show you this area and what I mean I would gladly meet with you. These are just a couple of examples. There are many more signs needing to be placed differently so the driver can truly see the signs and help in the driving process.

Here's a question, why do you have END Speed limit 45mph signs up instead of just putting up a 55 mph sign? This occurs on the south bound of route 66 just past Speedy's frosty freeze. This sign is in the middle of a hill and usually covered by tree branches. It is just not in a good sighting distance location.

Oh, PLEASE make the left turn arrow on 422 westbound at the Armstrong high school entrance onto Buffington Drive just a left arrow only. We have had too many crashes there and a 45 speed limit sign was never replaced this past year. This intersection for the school seriously needs to be looked at since too many people fly east bound in the right lane then go straight. I have seen this too many times.

There is more on signage from me, but this is just a quick snapshot of a couple local locations just in Armstrong County, I know where there have been no speed limit signs replaced since 2006 when there was flooding on Hill street.

Sincerely,

Stacy Gladysiewski

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Ronda Craig

From: Tom Woolaway <tom.woolaway@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 10:21 AM
To: Comments
Subject: SmartMoves Public Comments - Beaver County
Attachments: SPC Comments Beaver County - Woolaway.docx

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi.

Please see the attachment with comments regarding Beaver County for the SmartMoves for a Changing Region document.

Thanks to all who have contributed to this SPC process.

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SPC Improvements - Comments – Beaver County 5/23/2023

1. Improve Access Roads to the Beaver County Hospital

Widen Dutch Ridge Road Hill and Beaner Hollow Roads

At times I see people walking up or down Dutch Ridge Road hill into Beaver or Beaner Hollow Road to get to or from Beaver County's hospital, Heritage Valley Beaver. This is extremely dangerous as people must walk in the vehicle lanes since parts of these roads have no berm. These 2 roads need to be widened so that people can safely walk along them. Better yet would be a bike path. Put the walk or bike path on the downhill edge side of the road to keep the heavier vehicle traffic away from the edge to slow the eventual sliding of these roads.

Maintain and Repair Slide Prone Access Roads

Four of the roads in Brighton Twp leading to the hospital are built on hillsides and have been closed in the past due to slides: Dutch Ridge Road (hill into Beaver), Beaner Hollow Road, Wildwood Road, and Park Road. These roads need to have regular inspections and maintenance done quickly when needed to prevent further degradation and slippage of these roadways. Anything that can be done to stabilize these hillsides should be done. The one that is in the worst shape now is Beaner Hollow Road. There are spots where the white line has disappeared due to slippage down the hillside. This road should receive attention now to shore it up and keep it open. Wildwood Road will likely be the next one that needs maintenance.

A New Road to the Hospital?

In the past there was discussion about building a new road to the hospital that would connect the fairly new Veterans Bridge to the hospital, with the new road being slightly north of the bridge on Rt. 51 to avoid having to go across railroad tracks. The current route from the Veterans Bridge takes it on Riverside Drive past some busy businesses, onto Sharon Road which goes under a narrow underpass to a 90-degree blind curve that people sometimes cut too short. Then a sharp turn up Beaner Hollow Road, which will be closed sometime in the future due to inevitable slides.

2. Increase Public Access to Paths and Parks along Beaver River and Ohio River

The rivers are a big part of what made Beaver County what it is today. We should continue to look to expand public access to land along the rivers wherever possible and increase the beauty and enjoyment of these areas.

New Brighton should be commended for the work they have done on Big Rock Park along the Beaver River. The park has a walking path, picnic pavilions, benches, 2 viewers of an active Bald Eagle nest across the river and a fishing area below the hydroelectric dam.

In Beaver, there is land along the Ohio River that could be enhanced to make it a more appealing spot to families, picnickers, walkers and bike riders by adding picnic pavilions, a walking path along the river, maybe a sand volleyball or basketball court, etc. There are one-way roads in and out on a hillside, that then cross a railroad track. These roads may need to be enhanced in the future. There is another access path from Bridgewater Crossing on Mulberry St Ext that is currently blocked that could be unblocked and improved to give additional access to this park land.

At the end of 2022, 21 acres along the Beaver River in Beaver Falls were donated to Geneva College. Government entities are encouraged to have discussions with Geneva College about their master plan for this area and see where they may be able to work together on creation of a publicly accessible multi-use path, etc.

3. Improve Safety of the Veterans Bridge, Rt. 18 Intersection

People driving south on Rt 18 about to turn right onto the Veterans Bridge have a false sense of having half of the underpass to make their turn. Sight lines are poor, so they are already too far into their turn before they realize they are driving into the oncoming left turn lane.

I had the unfortunate experience of being in the left turn lane on the Veterans Bridge waiting at a red light to make a left onto Rt 18 north on a Saturday afternoon. An uninsured kid from Ohio came flying around the corner and hit me head on at about 40 MPH. It took 6 weeks and \$20,000 to repair my SUV. The bruising and headaches of my passenger and I luckily did not last as long as the car repair.

Dashed yellow lines should be put on the road to help keep vehicles in their lane when they are southbound on Rt 18 turning on to the Veterans Bridge.

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Ronda Craig

From: William Duncan <wcduncan@consolidated.net>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 4:56 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Fwd: project request

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From: wcduncan@consolidated.net
Date: June 7, 2023 at 8:32:24 AM EDT
To: comment@spcregion.org
Subject: project request

Thank you for the presentation and discussion yesterday and as was mentioned that comments could be made on other issues.

Rt 228 in Clinton township, Butler county, traveling east just before the roundabout, at the intersection with Brewer Road, there is a 90 degree bend in the road. There have been numerous accidents and numerous times cars have run off the road at this bend. When the roundabout was being designed we (Clinton Township Supervisors and Planning Commission) asked that this bend be part of the project. PennDOT told us there was not enough money to include it and there was not enough history of accidents, but that they would make it a project.

We have met with PennDOT several times since then and it has not been made a project and we have asked again and again that it become a project, but it never ends up as a project.

We know that all the times cars have run off the road, have not been recorded, and apparently all the accident have not been recorded, but it is an issue. Within two weeks after the roundabout was opened, there were two head on accidents at this bend. So our request is that this be considered and made a project.

Thanks for your consideration

Bill Duncan
Clinton Township Supervisor
412 638 1634

Ronda Craig

From: Laura Chu Wiens <laura@pittsburghforpublictransit.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 4:07 PM
To: Comments
Subject: PPT Comment on the SPC Long-Range Transportation Plan
Attachments: 6.5.23 PPT's Comment on the SPC's Long Range Transportation Plan Draft.docx

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Hi there,

Below and attached as a word document are Pittsburghers for Public Transit's Comments on the Long Range Transportation Plan. We would welcome the opportunity to be part of the policy conversation and table around transportation plan development, if that opportunity becomes available.

Thank you for taking our comments into consideration.

Sincerely,
Laura Chu Wiens



6/8/2023

[Pittsburghers for Public Transit \(PPT\)'s Public Comment on the 2023 SPC SmartMoves: Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Programs Draft](#)

To whom it may concern:

Pittsburghers for Public Transit (PPT) is a grassroots union of transit riders and transit workers, organizing for a more expanded, affordable, equitable and accessible transit system in Allegheny County. Our region and our communities thrive with strong and stable investment into our public transit system. As such, we support the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission (SPC)'s Long Range Transportation Plan's call to increase capital funding directed towards public transit capital needs like building a fifth bus garage, replacing the light rail fleet, and addressing PRT's state of good repair needs. We support the need to expand local funding options to supplement state transit funding, and the holistic, equitable land use and TDM policies to make transit accessible to low income and other marginalized communities, and incentivize transit use over single occupancy vehicles.

We particularly applaud the progress towards the visionary public transit projects being planned: of the North-South connector spanning neighborhoods like Allentown, Hazelwood, Oakland and the Hill District, and the extension of dedicated BRT corridors to Monroeville and Mon Valley. The latter project [has been a central goal of our organization over the last several years](#), stemming from an extensive PPT participatory planning effort

with local leaders in the Eastern Suburbs and the Mon Valley to identify priority transit corridors and infrastructure needs that would best serve those communities.

However, while capital improvements and investments can make transit more accessible, safer and more efficient, there is a major omission in the current Long Range Transportation Plan draft. Over the last several years of the pandemic, communities across the 10 county SW-PA region have all been devastated by deep and lingering service cuts. In Allegheny County alone, total Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) revenue operating hours have been cut by at least 10%, through incremental reductions every quarterly service change over these last several years. For smaller transit agencies, service cuts can have an even more drastic impact with riders left stranded for hours. When transit service is reduced, so too is resident access to high paying jobs, healthcare networks, schools, childcare and community services. **Without reliable, frequent transit service, our regional goals– for a robust economy, for clean air and lower congestion, for mobility for all– simply cannot be met, because electric buses that only run once an hour, or upgraded station areas that have limited transit service don't actually meet resident needs.**

And there is no end in sight for transit service reductions. At PRT, the transit operator shortfall is a primary catalyst for these cuts, and this is mirrored in counties across the SPC footprint. Allegheny County fixed route transit [now has a deficit of over 200 frontline transit employees](#), and the labor crisis is growing every day because of worker attrition and the hundreds of frontline workers anticipated to hit retirement age this year and next year. At this point, PRT does not even have the capacity to train new employees quickly enough to just replace those that are outgoing each quarter, let alone to close the frontline worker gap. Without ambitious worker recruitment and retention plans, without dedicated operating funding for these purposes, and without a focus on transit operators and transit service restoration and expansion in the SPC Long- Range Plan, our communities will not thrive.

Fortunately, there is a blueprint for addressing the transit worker shortfall. TransitCenter, a national transit think tank and foundation, published a heavily-researched guide to addressing the labor shortfall entitled "[Bus Operators in Crisis](#)" last year with specific policy recommendations for transit agencies, municipalities, states and the federal government. More specifically for our region, the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 85 President Ross Nicotero wrote an [op-ed](#) published in TRIBLive that offered a number of suggestions around hiring and retention that takes into account the experiences of the thousands of current and former operators that he represents. These recommendations could expand upon the Workforce for Change portion of the SPC long-range plan, to highlight the workforce needs to *specifically provide the transit service quality* our communities deserve. Transit operator jobs are the jobs of today and the future.

In order to have an effective, connected regional transportation network, the restoration and the expansion of fixed route transit service across all ten counties must be a central focus. The SPC should be a leader in visioning what a frequent and reliable transit service network across our 10 county region would look like. Sister municipal planning organizations to the SPC like METRO in greater Portland, Oregon centered the need for [expanded service frequency and affordable fares](#) in their long-range plan, and the San Francisco area Metropolitan Transportation Commission [explicitly named goals and the cost to reverse pandemic-related cuts to total transit service hours](#) as well as the funding needed to expand local transit frequency and reliability.

At a minimum:

- The SPC must measure and report upon total transit operating hours currently provided by each of the fixed route transit service providers in the region, compared to 2019 pre-pandemic levels. The SPC should also assess transit service reliability for each of the fixed route transit providers, because poor reliability is often an indication of a mismatch between available labor and scheduled service hours, and can reveal deeper service cuts than what is visible on the published schedule.
- The SPC should identify near and long-term goals for transit ridership growth across the 10 counties, and the transit service frequency increases that would be required to achieve that ridership growth.

- The SPC should track and report the shortfall in transit operators and maintenance employees needed to provide pre-pandemic levels of service, and identify how many new frontline employees would be needed in each region to expand transit service frequency to meet near and long term goals.
- The SPC's long-range transportation plan should budget for the increase of transit workers (including the operating cost increases needed to support expanded recruitment and improve retention) to meet service restoration and expansion goals, and not merely identify what funding would be needed to maintain this diminished status quo.

Without a long-term plan to restore service to pre-pandemic levels and both budget and plan for the expansion of service, it will be impossible to meet the mobility and climate goals of the long-range plan. If public transportation continues on the path of fewer operators, reduced service hours, and shrunken route coverage, local economies will continue to be left behind. We are hopeful that the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission can be a compelling force towards reversing this trend, by centering the need for restored and expanded transit service and a strong plan for transit operator hiring and retention in the 2023 SmartMoves: Long Range Transportation Plan.

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Proposal Advocate (if applicable)

Q2

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Q3

County Fayette

Q4

Municipality

Redstone township

Q5

Proposal Title Respondent skipped this question

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

Patterson rd

SPC Public Input Form

Q7

Roadway Preventative Maintenance

Roadway has drainage issue,

Other Roadway Concern (please specify):

The top of the hill has a very serious drainage issue that causes a massive ice sheet going down the hill. The issue is the result of a gas well company blocking up a rill (small stream of natural water) to put in a driveway to a gas well. They connected the driveway to our driveway at the bottom forcing us to stone the entirety of the area to keep the driveway functional.

Q8

Bridge Maintenance

Respondent skipped this question

Q9

Traffic/Congestion

Respondent skipped this question

Q10

Safety

Respondent skipped this question

Q11

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Respondent skipped this question

Q12

Bus/Transit

Respondent skipped this question

Q13

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

Respondent skipped this question

Q14

Freight

Respondent skipped this question

Q15

Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q3 Fayette
County

Q4
Municipality
Redstone Twp

Q5
Proposal Title
Rout 40 Roundabout

Q6
Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)
Route 40 and Stone Church Road intersection at Jackson Farms

SPC Public Input Form

Q7
Roadway Preventative Maintenance

Respondent skipped this question

Q8
Bridge Maintenance

Respondent skipped this question

Q9
Traffic/Congestion

Respondent skipped this question

Q10
Safety

Serious crashes have occurred at this location,
Numerous crashes have occurred at this location,
Cannot see oncoming traffic while turning,
Safety concern on a hill,
Vehicles speeding around a curve,
Oncoming traffic causes turning difficulty,

Other Safety Concern (please specify):

This location is low visibility and high traffic due to the gas station/ farm store across from a business and 2 residential streets that forms a cross roads at route 40. This location includes pedestrian traffic coming and going from Jackson Farms. It is situated on a hill with 2 bends. There are consistent accidents at this location. If there ever was an appropriate place for a traffic circle in Fayette Co., this is it. Traffic not only needs to be slowed for safety, but also must be directed in a way that allows cross traffic to move efficiently. Accidents occur due to many reasons, including low visibility, speeding, and stopped vehicles on route 40 waiting to turn. The stopped vehicles create a hazard when traffic lines up behind them to the crest of the hill, traffic approaching even at the speed limit do not see the stopped traffic until too late or nearly too late.

Q11
Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Respondent skipped this question

Q12
Bus/Transit

Respondent skipped this question

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Q2

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Q3 Fayette

County

Q4

Municipality

Springhill township

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Title

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

Rt 857

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Q7 Respondent skipped this question
Roadway Preventative Maintenance

Q8 Respondent skipped this question
Bridge Maintenance

Q9 Respondent skipped this question
Traffic/Congestion

Q10 **Vehicles speeding around a curve,**
Safety Other Safety Concern (please specify):
Too many large trucks use 857 to bypass toll toad. A weight limit should be imposed/enforced on this portion of 857 to limit this.

Q11 Respondent skipped this question
Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Q12 Respondent skipped this question
Bus/Transit

Q13 Respondent skipped this question
Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

Q14 Respondent skipped this question
Freight

Q15
Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.

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Q3 Fayette

County

Q4
Municipality

Fairchance boro

Q5
Proposal Title

Resident

SPC Public Input Form

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

Clark Lane off Sheldon Ave

Q7

Roadway Preventative Maintenance

Roadway has drainage issue

Q8

Bridge Maintenance

Bridge weight is restricted,

Bridge is restricted to one lane,

Other Bridge Concern (please specify):

Bridge on Sheldon Ave (across from the park)

Q9

Traffic/Congestion

There is congestion during special events

Q10

Safety

Respondent skipped this question

Q11

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation (FACT)

Q12

Bus/Transit

New/additional routes are needed

Q13

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

There is no existing pedestrian facility

Q14

Freight

Bridge weight is restricted

Q15

Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Advocate (if applicable)

Q2
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Q3 Fayette
County

Q4
Municipality
White House

Q5 Respondent skipped this question
Proposal Title

Q6
Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

857

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- Q11** Respondent skipped this question
Local Bus/Transit Service Provider
- Q12** **There is no transit service when I need it,**
Bus/Transit
Other Bus/Transit Concern:
I have never seen a bud out there you can't even get delivery!
- Q13** **There is no existing pedestrian facility,**
Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes
Other Pedestrian Bicycle Concern (please specify):
Again nothing! Watch for cars! Motorcycle, atvs, tractor trailers, people will run you over. I can barely mow my yard!
- Q14** **Roadway design issue (turn radius, lane width, etc),**
Freight
Other Freight Concern (please specify):
Certain sized tractor trailers should NOT be coming down these smaller roads!
- Q15**
Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.)

This is not needed . We the community have absolutely no desire for this to come into our comm. it's doing nothing but causing more harm than good already!
- Q16**
Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)

Plenty. We need to keep our agriculture land! How do you people not see that? Would you want to walk out and smell crap? That's what's going to happen when you put a sewer station across the road, good bye wildlife with a housing development!

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Q1

Proposal Advocate (if applicable)

Do Not Allow Expansion of Roads in Gans

Q2

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Q3

County

Fayette

Q4

Municipality

Gans

Q5

Proposal Title

Respondent skipped this question

SPC Public Input Form

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

Gans Woodbridge Road

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Roadway Preventative Maintenance

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Bridge Maintenance

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Traffic/Congestion

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Safety

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

Bus/Transit

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Freight

Q15

Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.

Fay Penn is proposing a 12 foot widening of Gans Woodbridge Road in Springhill Township, increasing the negligible traffic on this road to 5,000 to 7,000 cars per day. I vehemently oppose this expansion or any other road expansion in Gans to support the business park that Fay Penn has proposed. This proposal would irreparably harm property owners and historic properties in Gans and can't be allowed.

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Advocate (if applicable)

Q2
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Q3 Fayette
County

Q4
Municipality
Springhill Township

Q5 Respondent skipped this question
Proposal Title

Q6
Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)
Gans-Woodbridge Road, Springhill Township

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Q7 Respondent skipped this question
Roadway Preventative Maintenance

Q8 Respondent skipped this question
Bridge Maintenance

Q9 Respondent skipped this question
Traffic/Congestion

Q10 Respondent skipped this question
Safety

Q11 Respondent skipped this question
Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Q12 Respondent skipped this question
Bus/Transit

Q13 Respondent skipped this question
Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

Q14 Respondent skipped this question
Freight

Q15
Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.

Fay-Penn is proposing a 12 foot widening of Gans-Woodbridge Road in Springhill Township, increasing the negligible traffic on this road to 5,000 to 7,000 cars per day. I vehemently oppose this expansion or any other road expansion in Gans to support this proposed business park. This proposal would irreparably harm property owners and historic properties in Gans and can't be allowed.

I have contacted Springhill Township supervisors who agree, and Fayette county commissioners who seem to be in favor.

SPC Public Input Form

Q16

Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)

Expansion of Gans-Woodbridge Road could have significant environmental impacts that aren't fully understood due to the rushed nature of Fay-Penn's plans. This road is bordered by creeks, streams, and farms.

Q17

Additional Comments

Long term property owners, residences, and churches shouldn't have their land taken to widen a road for an industrial park. No one with property along the road is in favor of this, and we shouldn't suffer for the benefit of non local companies. This road is frequently used for walking, jogging, and biking without issue. This planned expansion would destroy that.

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Q3

Fayette

County

Q4

Municipality

Springhill township

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Title

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

Rt 857

SPC Public Input Form

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Roadway Preventative Maintenance

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Bridge Maintenance

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Traffic/Congestion

Q10

Vehicles speeding around a curve,

Safety

Other Safety Concern (please specify):

Too many large trucks use 857 to bypass toll toad. A weight limit should be imposed/enforced on this portion of 857 to limit this.

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

Bus/Transit

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

Q14

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Freight

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Q1

Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Advocate (if applicable)

Q2

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Q3

Fayette

County

Q4

Municipality

White House

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Title

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

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Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Q12

There is no transit service when I need it,

Bus/Transit

Other Bus/Transit Concern:

I have never seen a bud out there you can't even get delivery!

Q13

There is no existing pedestrian facility,

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

Other Pedestrian Bicycle Concern (please specify):

Again nothing! Watch for cars! Motorcycle, atvs, tractor trailers, people will run you over. I can barely mow my yard!

Q14

Roadway design issue (turn radius, lane width, etc),

Freight

Other Freight Concern (please specify):

Certain sized tractor trailers should NOT be coming down these smaller roads!

Q15

Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.

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Q16

Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)

Plenty. We need to keep our agriculture land! How do you people not see that? Would you want to walk out and smell crap? That's what's going to happen when you put a sewer station across the road, good bye wildlife with a housing development!

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Q3 Fayette
County

Q4
Municipality
South Union

Q5 Respondent skipped this question
Proposal Title

Q6 Respondent skipped this question
Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

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Q7 Roadway Preventative Maintenance	Respondent skipped this question
Q8 Bridge Maintenance	Respondent skipped this question
Q9 Traffic/Congestion	Respondent skipped this question
Q10 Safety	Serious crashes have occurred at this location, Numerous crashes have occurred at this location, Oncoming traffic causes turning difficulty, Other Safety Concern (please specify): Morgantown Rd between the Shopping Center and intersection with Brownfield Ln has had numerous accidents. I propose that the speed limit be reduced and/or a stop sign be added at Tyrone Ave
Q11 Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Respondent skipped this question
Q12 Bus/Transit	Respondent skipped this question
Q13 Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes	Respondent skipped this question
Q14 Freight	Respondent skipped this question
Q15 Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.	Respondent skipped this question

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Q3

Fayette

County

Q4

Municipality

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Q5

Proposal Title

Resident

SPC Public Input Form

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

Clark Lane off Sheldon Ave

Q7

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Roadway has drainage issue

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Bridge Maintenance

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Bridge is restricted to one lane,

Other Bridge Concern (please specify):

Bridge on Sheldon Ave (across from the park)

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Traffic/Congestion

There is congestion during special events

Q10

Safety

Respondent skipped this question

Q11

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation (FACT)

Q12

Bus/Transit

New/additional routes are needed

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Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

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Freight

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White House

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Title

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

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Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Q12

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Bus/Transit

Other Bus/Transit Concern:

I have never seen a bud out there you can't even get delivery!

Q13

There is no existing pedestrian facility,

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

Other Pedestrian Bicycle Concern (please specify):

Again nothing! Watch for cars! Motorcycle, atvs, tractor trailers, people will run you over. I can barely mow my yard!

Q14

Roadway design issue (turn radius, lane width, etc),

Freight

Other Freight Concern (please specify):

Certain sized tractor trailers should NOT be coming down these smaller roads!

Q15

Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.

This is not needed . We the community have absolutely no desire for this to come into our comm. it's doing nothing but causing more harm than good already!

Q16

Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)

Plenty. We need to keep our agriculture land! How do you people not see that? Would you want to walk out and smell crap? That's what's going to happen when you put a sewer station across the road, good bye wildlife with a housing development!

#20

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Advocate (if applicable)

Q2
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Q3 Fayette

County

Q4
Municipality
UNIONTOWN CITY, FAYETTE COUNTY / UNIONTOWN AREA S D

Q5
Proposal Title
Revitalizing Uniontown, PA. Future proof it.

SPC Public Input Form

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

Respondent skipped this question

Q7

Roadway Preventative Maintenance

Roadway is in poor condition,

Other Roadway Concern (please specify):

There are several streets in the city that have considerable potholes. That are dangers for car and also power wheelchairs or pedestrians because there are some places that we have to get on the road because the city's sidewalks are unusable due to. Disrepair of years of no maintenance.

Q8

Bridge Maintenance

Respondent skipped this question

Q9

Traffic/Congestion

There is congestion during special events,

Oncoming traffic causes turning difficulty,

Other Traffic Concern (please specify):

There are several places where they need to have a stoplight or additional crosswalks. For pedestrians that are very dangerous in the city of Uniontown.

Q10

Safety

Cannot see oncoming traffic while turning,

Safety concern on a hill,

Traffic Signals are not working well

Q11

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation (FACT)

SPC Public Input Form

Q12

Bus/Transit

There is no transit service when I need it,
The buses are not fuel efficient,
More buses are needed,
New/additional routes are needed,
Safer transit stops/park and ride lots needed,
Paratransit service concern,

Other Bus/Transit Concern:

There's several things that need to be addressed here. We need more hours for the busses to run later. The busses do not run adequately for someone who lives outside. of them. downtown corridor The bus is only run up to 8:30 during the week. And that is ridiculous for the people that want to go to Bingo. Or later on evening things out in Hopwood also. The reserve ride only runs till certain times in the afternoon and I. am not able to go out to dinner with my family because I have to be back at my house by 3:00 o'clock. because the reserve right only runs to my location till 3:00 PM It really affects my quality of life because the reserve varieties should be available. 24/7 Just like it is in Japan, another developed countries. We are living in America, not a 3rd world, shittle like Ukraine or Russia.

Q13

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

There is no existing pedestrian facility,
There are no curb cuts for wheelchairs,
Crosswalk markings are old/faded,

Other Pedestrian Bicycle Concern (please specify):

I have so much I could say here. There are so many places that need wheelchair cuttings on the sidewalk and there's sidewalks that need repair in the city of Uniontown. It's just pathetic. How many sidewalks? They're disrepair. I have to get on the road In many cases, because there's no sidewalk especially walking up toward the hospital. There's no sidewalks once you turn off of. Where WMB says those two streets going up to the hospital, I have no sidewalks whatsoever. I end up running on the road every time I must ride up to the hospital. To get blood work or treatment of some sort. And as a Power chair user, it is just ridiculous. There should be sidewalks everywhere.

Q14

Freight

Respondent skipped this question

SPC Public Input Form

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.

Q16

Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)

I would love to see a parking lot at the beginning of the city of Uniontown. That people park their cars and walk the city instead of using their vehicles and make it a more walkable, friendly city like a city of Rome or Paris. Eating in town has so much downtown treasure. But no one ever sees it, because there are. because they're always in a vehicle.

Q17

Respondent skipped this question

Additional Comments

May 31, 2023
Fayette County

WRITTEN COMMENT FORM
(Please Print Clearly)

Please use this form to submit your written comments on today's materials:

Comments: Needed suggested improvements:

- Stop Light. on Route 51 Near Bank
in Perryopolis
- FLASHING Light on Route 982 by
BULLSKIN Fire Dept.
- Funds to reconstruct & REPAVE Cemetery
Road in Brownville - Fayette county.

(Please use reverse for additional space)

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Thank You! Please Feel free to take this form with you and send it back to us when you have a minute.

By Mail: SPC Comments

Two Chatham Center, Suite 500 / 112 Washington Place / Pittsburgh, PA 15219

By Fax: 412-391-9160 or By Email: comments@spcregion.org

SPC Public Input Form

#23

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Q1

Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Advocate (if applicable)

Q2

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Q3

Fayette

County

Q4

Municipality

White House

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Title

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

SPC Public Input Form

Q7

Roadway Preventative Maintenance

Roadway is in poor condition,

Roadway has drainage issue,

Roadway shoulder is in need of maintenance/repair,

Other Roadway Concern (please specify):

Heavy traffic already on 857 due to increase in tolls - tolls in general. When you go to put an industrial park in do you really think people will use 43? No! They will use 857 causing more traffic and hazards to our roads and neighborhoods!

Q8

Bridge Maintenance

Respondent skipped this question

Q9

Traffic/Congestion

There is congestion during rush hour,

There is congestion during rush hour AND at other times of day/night

Oncoming traffic causes turning difficulty,

Posted route detour issue,

Other Traffic Concern (please specify):

I live on this road - morning evenings non stop - weekends non stop. During the non stop! Because people do not want to pay the tolls!

Q10

Safety

Serious crashes have occurred at this location,

Numerous crashes have occurred at this location,

Cannot see oncoming traffic while turning,

Too many poles/trees,

Safety concern on a hill,

Vehicles speeding around a curve,

Lines and other roadway markings are missing/faded,

Oncoming traffic causes turning difficulty,

Traffic Signals are not working well,

Guide rails are missing or damaged,

Other Safety Concern (please specify):

Penn dot does maintenance and doesn't properly sit signs out. Again traffic issues no yo industrial park!!!

SPC Public Input Form

#22

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Advocate (if applicable)

Q2
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Q3 Fayette
County

Q4
Municipality
Springhill Township

Q5 Respondent skipped this question
Proposal Title

Q6
Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)
Small bridge near Church in Gans

SPC Public Input Form

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Roadway Preventative Maintenance

Q8

Bridge weight is restricted,

Bridge Maintenance

Other Bridge Concern (please specify):

We often have heavy trucks, usually from the quarry, that go back and forth over a one lane bridge that is not structured to carry that weight.

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Traffic/Congestion

Q10

Vehicles speeding around a curve,

Safety

Other Safety Concern (please specify):

Gans road near store and above the church has cars and quarry trucks that go much too fast for those curves. We've had numerous accidents on that stretch.

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

Bus/Transit

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Freight

Q15

Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.

The fact that FayPenn is pushing an industrial park in our rural area. The Fayette county commissioners have supported this regardless of community opposition.

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Q1

Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Advocate (if applicable)

Q2

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Q3

Fayette

County

Q4

Municipality

White House

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Title

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

SPC Public Input Form

Q17

Additional Comments

You care about our community? The environment? Wildlife? Agriculture? Our way of life?

Yet you are ignoring us at every single turn!

We pay Your salary. We pay taxes. We do not want any of this, rebuild what you have already built and let fall apart, without ripping up something that is necessary and letting it crumble like the rest of uniontown!

You want to make fayette county better? Start in uniontown! And clean that shit hole up!

Or get the democrats & republicans out and let the people who actually care do something! Which clearly are normal people not looking for a penny in there pocket!

It's gross and sickening! Trust me connellsville isn't any better even with all the "work" they have done.

Aka look at our water - is gross just like our commissioners. And fay-penn!

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#13

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Q1

Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Advocate (if applicable)

Q2

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Q3

Fayette

County

Q4

Municipality

Fairchance boro

Q5

Proposal Title

Resident

SPC Public Input Form

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

Clark Lane off Sheldon Ave

Q7

Roadway Preventative Maintenance

Roadway has drainage issue

Q8

Bridge Maintenance

Bridge weight is restricted,

Bridge is restricted to one lane,

Other Bridge Concern (please specify):

Bridge on Sheldon Ave (across from the park)

Q9

Traffic/Congestion

There is congestion during special events

Q10

Safety

Respondent skipped this question

Q11

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation (FACT)

Q12

Bus/Transit

New/additional routes are needed

Q13

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

There is no existing pedestrian facility

Q14

Freight

Bridge weight is restricted

Q15

Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.

Respondent skipped this question

#15

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question
Proposal Advocate (if applicable)

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Q3 Fayette
County

Q4
Municipality
Redstone Twp

Q5
Proposal Title
Rout 40 Roundabout

Q6
Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)
Route 40 and Stone Church Road intersection at Jackson Farms

SPC Public Input Form

Q13

There is no existing pedestrian facility

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Freight

Q15

Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.

United States

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)

Q17

Respondent skipped this question

Additional Comments

SPC Public Input Form

#16

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Q1

Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Advocate (if applicable)

Q2

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Q3

Fayette

County

Q4

Municipality

Springhill township

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Title

Q6

Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

Rt 857

SPC Public Input Form

Q16

Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)

Wet lands on Gans Woodbridge road have been sprayed with pesticides for commercial farming.

Q17

Respondent skipped this question

Additional Comments

#10

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question
Proposal Advocate (if applicable)

Q2
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Q3 Greene
County

Q4
Municipality
Richhill

Q5 Respondent skipped this question
Proposal Title

Q6 Respondent skipped this question
Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)

SPC Public Input Form

Q7 Respondent skipped this question

Roadway Preventative Maintenance

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

Bridge Maintenance

Q9 Respondent skipped this question

Traffic/Congestion

Q10 Respondent skipped this question

Safety

Q11 Respondent skipped this question

Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Q12 Respondent skipped this question

Bus/Transit

Q13 Respondent skipped this question

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

Q14 Respondent skipped this question

Freight

Q15
Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.)

Broadband > Economic Development in the "too hard" box for most townships.

Q16
Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)

Community water and sewerage.

SPC Public Input Form

Q17

Additional Comments

Assistance for municipalities to make and administer grant applications and grant projects.

Ronda Craig

From: Tom Klevan
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 2:08 PM
To: Ronda Craig
Cc: Caitlin O'Connor
Subject: LRP Comment

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Ronda/Caitlin:

This message came into the Transit mailbox yesterday. I assume it is a public comment for the LRP.

The Game Lands are another story. They generate minimal tax revenue, shifting the burden to the ever-declining tax base since CNX/CONSOL keeps unloading land onto the Game Commission.

These game lands have the citizens in the northwestern part of the township at the mercy of a 120-year old bridge. Anyone who frequents Cabela's/The Highlands from our area knows the bridge. It's been broken/closed twice in the last 6-7 years because of heavy trucks crossing. So with the Game Lands surrounding the area (including the WV equivalent), the fastest detour is 17 miles. Several alternate routes available decades ago, township roads, mostly, have been cut off by PA Game Lands.

Efforts to replace the bridge in question have proven fruitless thus far.

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#11

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Q1

Proposal Advocate (if applicable)

Blairsville Riverfront Trail and Bridge over Rt. 22

Q2

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Q3

County

Indiana

Q4

Municipality

Blairsville Borough and Burrell Township

Q5

Proposal Title

Respondent skipped this question

SPC Public Input Form

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)

Q17

Additional Comments

Looking forward to having the projects being completed!

Indiana County Public Meeting 5/18/23

WRITTEN COMMENT FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

Please use this form to submit your written comments on today's materials:

Comments:

Is there Funding for small Township Bridges
that are under a 20' Clearspan? **NO**

(Please use reverse for additional space)

Optional Information

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By Fax: 412-391-9160 or By Email: comments@spcregion.org

Indiana County Public Meeting 5/18/23

WRITTEN COMMENT FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

Please use this form to submit your written comments on today's materials:

Comments:

I would like to see some evidence that municipalities are taken into consideration in the planning process.

(Please use reverse for additional space)

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Thank You! Please Feel free to take this form with you and send it back to us when you have a minute.

By Mail: SPC Comments

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By Fax: 412-391-9160 or By Email: comments@spcregion.org

May 22, 2023
Lawrence County

WRITTEN COMMENT FORM
(Please Print Clearly)

Please use this form to submit your written comments on today's materials:

Comments:

- 1) The lack of Broadband in New Beaver Borough has an anti competitive factor. One company comes in from the North - another company comes in from the South. They refuse to meet in the middle leaving a gap in coverage
- 2) (I commented on this) The organic component of the ^(tar chip) Asphalt used in 2022 in Southern Lawrence County failed within two weeks. There is no gravel ~~at~~ at the surface. Cars & Trucks & trailers slide through intersections. Possibly the heat and 500 gravel/limestone 40T dump trucks /day caused some of the problem.

(Please use reverse for additional space)

Optional Information

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By Mail: SPC Comments

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Ronda Craig

From: Andy Walz <awalz@northstrabanetwp.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 9:32 AM
To: Comments
Cc: 'Mark Szewcow'
Subject: Northern Washington Count Study- Concept 7

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

I am writing to support having the following items from the Northern Washington County Study from 2018 added to the 2025-2028 TIP cycle:

1. Concept 7: Intersection of Weavertown Road and US 19. This concept called for an addition of a dedicated right-turn lane from US 19 South onto Weavertown Rd. Additionally, the concept calls for adding a dedicated right-turn lane from Weavertown Rd on to US 19 South, while dedicating two left turn lanes on to US 19 North. In further support of these upgrades, the Township studied this intersection in 2022, as part of our Traffic Impact Fee Ordinance study. The results of this study concurred with the findings of the 2018 study.
2. Concept 7: Intersection of Weavertown Road with Hook Street and the I-79 Northbound off ramp. Concept 7 calls for the signalization of this intersection. In support of this, the Township had our traffic engineers perform a PM peak hour movement count in May of 2023. The traffic counts were then used to develop a traffic model of the intersection. Using this model, it was determined that under unsignalized conditions, the I-79 northbound off ramp operated at a Level of Service F. Existing queues along this ramp was observed to back up and almost spill out onto I-79 mainline.

Under signalized conditions it was determined that the I-79 off ramp improved from a LOS F to a LOS D, while the entire intersection operated at an acceptable LOS C. All queues are predicted to be accommodated within the existing ramp storage areas under signalized conditions.

To provide an LOS C or better, an additional lane would need to be constructed on the off-ramp, creating dual turning lanes. This would require Weavertown Road to be widened for 2 receiving lanes. Since the I-79 overpass is adjacent to this intersection, the widening of Weavertown Road would be very costly.

In summary, the signalization of this ramp is required to provide an acceptable level of service and to reduce the queueing along the off-ramp. However, due to the environs of the intersection, the following other improvements are suggested for this intersection:

-Weavertown Road westbound, approaches the intersection at a steep grade. Since cars will be stacking on Weavertown due to the signal, it is recommended that high friction surface treatment be installed for this approach. This should reduce possible rear end accidents.

-Queue detection should be included with the design of the traffic signal.

-A flashing "RED" signal ahead sign should be installed on the Weavertown westbound approach. This device should also assist in the reduction of any rear-end accidents.

Andrew L. Walz
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SPC Public Input Form

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Proposal Advocate (if applicable)

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Q3 Washington
County

Q4
Municipality
Hopewell

Q5 Respondent skipped this question
Proposal Title

Q6
Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)
Jefferson Ave/Rt 844

SPC Public Input Form

Q7 Roadway Preventative Maintenance	Roadway is in poor condition
Q8 Bridge Maintenance	Respondent skipped this question
Q9 Traffic/Congestion	Respondent skipped this question
Q10 Safety	Other Safety Concern (please specify): Speeding from WV state line all the way into the City of Washington
Q11 Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Respondent skipped this question
Q12 Bus/Transit	Respondent skipped this question
Q13 Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes	Respondent skipped this question
Q14 Freight	Respondent skipped this question
Q15 Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.	Respondent skipped this question
Q16 Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?) Too much trash	

Ronda Craig

From: Thomas Nies <stnies@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 8:24 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Westmoreland projects

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hello, I read the article in the Tribune about proposed road projects in Westmoreland county.

At the Donohue Rd / Georges Station Rd intersection, I would choose a roundabout. I travel there frequently, and agree about the backups that can occur. Drivers don't always (and some say rarely) take their turn; I have noticed many times that those next for a right turn just proceed. I often joke that right-hand turns aren't required to stop...

I didn't see any reference to another heavy-backup intersection, namely Rt 30 at Mountainview; anyone trying to turn left from White School Rd (i.e. Village Dr) onto westbound Rt 30 faces delays, often missing the traffic light. A left-turn signal in both directions should be considered.

I would also prioritize the Greengate Rd underpass under the RR tracks; that is a very dangerous area, given the tight turn and narrow roadway.

I am glad to offer many more opinions! :)

Thomas Nies

Ronda Craig

From: ROBERT GLEASON <gleasro@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 5:08 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Route 30 surface neglect

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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We recently relocated to Pleasant Unity a little more than 3 years ago from out of state and love the location site. An outstanding observation we made was the horrible, deteriorated condition of route 30 (Lincoln Hwy) from the West Pittsburg St/W. Otterman St. area to the intersection of Route 982 east of Latrobe. The constant hole filling over and over (almost always poorly executed), leaves a tough ride and battering of vehicle tires. Recent new paving executed west of the Ottoman west ramp entry was applied over a long stretch of road through the plaza area which was in far better condition than the stretch I identified.

As I write this, I noticed a stretch of Route 30 east of Westmorland Mall had a "Skim" pavement applied over a rough stretch. The application was so thin, the patched areas can still be felt. I can only guess the cost of this application but it's life expectancy would be lucky to exceed this next winter.

I have not read of any significant funding or plans to correctly resurface this length of highway. Given the traffic load, funding should be beyond a consideration stage. The Tribune-Review article in today's paper (June 5) did not mention this section of Highway. I will follow up this comment with a letter to the editor on the article as another form of communication.

I thank you for the opportunity to accept public comments.

Robert Gleason
125 Sharon Drive
Pleasant Unity, Pa. 15676

Sent from my iPad

#25

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Proposal Advocate (if applicable)

Q2
Contact Information

Name	Maureen Zang
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Phone Number	724-205-6282

Q3 Westmoreland
County

Q4
Municipality
Salem

Q5 Respondent skipped this question
Proposal Title

Q6
Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)
Intersection of George's Station and Donahoe Road

SPC Public Input Form

Q7
Roadway Preventative Maintenance

Other Roadway Concern (please specify):
I appreciate Penn DOT's love of roundabouts but the average Pennsylvanian does not. I cannot find anyone locally who truly understands these traffic control measures. My real question is whether this intersection really needs an alternative for traffic control? Even at the height of 'rush hour' traffic moves steadily through this interchange. Even a traffic light would now create a backlog of vehicles waiting when there is no cross traffic, a situation that happens way too often and creates the perception that our transportation experts actually do not know what they are doing. Please leave this intersection alone and focus on more pressing transportation bottlenecks. How about the interchange at Best Buy where we have to drive through the parking lot to try to merge onto Donohoe Road to get to the light at Roseytown Road?

Q8
Bridge Maintenance

Respondent skipped this question

Q9
Traffic/Congestion

Respondent skipped this question

Q10
Safety

Respondent skipped this question

Q11
Local Bus/Transit Service Provider

Respondent skipped this question

Q12
Bus/Transit

Respondent skipped this question

Q13
Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes

Respondent skipped this question

Q14
Freight

Respondent skipped this question

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#26

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County

Q4
Municipality
Salem

Q5 Respondent skipped this question
Proposal Title

Q6
Location (local road name, state route number, interstate number, or bridge name)
Intersection of Hollywood Boulevard and Rt. 22

SPC Public Input Form

Q7 Roadway Preventative Maintenance	Respondent skipped this question
Q8 Bridge Maintenance	Respondent skipped this question
Q9 Traffic/Congestion	Other Traffic Concern (please specify): Remove the No Right Turn on Red sign when turning from Hollywood Blvd onto Route 22 eastbound.
Q10 Safety	Respondent skipped this question
Q11 Local Bus/Transit Service Provider	Respondent skipped this question
Q12 Bus/Transit	Respondent skipped this question
Q13 Pedestrian/Bicycle/Alternative Travel Modes	Respondent skipped this question
Q14 Freight	Respondent skipped this question
Q15 Land Use/Economic Development (Is there anything relevant related to land use or development? Are you aware of community issues/public discourse regarding this issue? Have you contacted any of the municipalities regarding this issue? Please be brief in describing the situation.	Respondent skipped this question
Q16 Environmental Concerns (Are there any environmental concerns that you feel are relevant at this point?)	Respondent skipped this question

Ronda Craig

From: Thomas Nies <stnies@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 8:24 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Westmoreland projects

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hello, I read the article in the Tribune about proposed road projects in Westmoreland county.

At the Donohue Rd / Georges Station Rd intersection, I would choose a roundabout. I travel there frequently, and agree about the backups that can occur. Drivers don't always (and some say rarely) take their turn; I have noticed many times that those next for a right turn just proceed. I often joke that right-hand turns aren't required to stop...

I didn't see any reference to another heavy-backup intersection, namely Rt 30 at Mountainview; anyone trying to turn left from White School Rd (i.e. Village Dr) onto westbound Rt 30 faces delays, often missing the traffic light. A left-turn signal in both directions should be considered.

I would also prioritize the Greengate Rd underpass under the RR tracks; that is a very dangerous area, given the tight turn and narrow roadway.

I am glad to offer many more opinions! :)

Thomas Nies

Ronda Craig

From: Michael Natale <smithtonchief@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 12:27 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Public Comment

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Good afternoon.

I would like to comment on what I see as a big, gaping hole in Southwestern Pennsylvania's transportation infrastructure, at least as far as upgrades and repairs are concerned. I would consider myself to be more knowledgeable on the subject than the average citizen, since I follow the news on construction plans and projects through PennDOT, the Turnpike Commission and elsewhere. For example, I am rather familiar with PennDOT's ongoing project to reconstruct and upgrade the Interstate 70 corridor between New Stanton and Washington. The public can see those plans on www.i-70projects.com. Just recently they re-did the Madison interchange with THREE roundabouts, which I am sure was sorely needed for the five cars per hour that use that interchange.

I know that this portion of Interstate 70 was built as a local connector road in the early 1950's, before the Interstate Highway Network was even created, and that the road was pressed into service as an interstate until a proper upgrade could be built, which, essentially, never happened. So the road has many shortcomings which fall far below the standards of Interstate highway design, like narrow or non-existent shoulders, and comically short entrance and exit ramps. And, as I have mentioned, PennDOT has been on a program to fix the roadway and bring it up to those standards. Well, most of the road, anyways. What concerns me is the portion of Interstate 70 which is quite close to my house. I'm talking specifically about the portion west of the Toll 43 cloverleaf, for about four or five miles to the interchange with State Route 201 in Rostraver Township. There are close to zero plans to fix this section, and I am fairly sure that statistics will show it to be the most dangerous section. The fact that they lower the speed limit to 45 miles per hour in this section is a pretty clear indicator that they know this section is dangerous and far below standards. Why is nothing being done to fix it?

The centerpiece of this little section of danger is of course the Speers-Belle Vernon Bridge. Now, I will admit, the fact that I was very seriously injured, almost killed, on this bridge, as a police officer in a line of duty, certainly is a reason why I am speaking up on the subject, and a reason why I am so incredulous that nothing is being done about it. Again, the bridge was built in the early 1950's, and far below the necessary standards for a major Interstate highway bridge. There are no shoulders on either side, just maybe 12 inches from the lane stripe to the concrete barrier to the left or right. There are interchanges immediately on both ends of the bridge, with ramps that do not allow for properly merging traffic. If I need to request specific statistics from PennDOT I can, but as a local police officer and volunteer firefighter, I can tell you that serious accidents on this bridge are frequent, far beyond the one that almost killed me.

From Toll 43 west to Washington, and from Rostraver east to New Stanton, the whole highway is being massively rebuilt. Hey, they may even be able to raise the speed limit from 55 to 65 or even 70, like every other rural highway in the state. Why the ridiculous lack of anything in the most dangerous section? I'm sure they'll say that they're doing something there. Sure, they built a new bridge at the Upper Speers exit (#39), so that taller trucks could pass underneath. Did they even bother to lengthen the westbound exit ramp? Of course not. Same with the North Belle Vernon exit (#42). You still have to come to a complete stop at the end of the westbound entrance ramp. A very safe situation there. And in the very congested Route 201 interchange, they couldn't even bother to replace the bridge! They just jacked it up a little.

I've been to community meetings with PennDOT and asked this question, and have only received pat and dismissive answers. I will assume I'll only be getting more of the same. Nevertheless, this is my public comment. The bridge and the roadway on either side is deadly, and a fresh coat of paint doesn't do a damn thing to fix it. I see zero plans to address the problem, and that rather bothers me.

-Michael R. Natale
Long Branch, PA

Comments Received After the Close of the Formal Public Comment Period Held May 11, 2023 through June 9, 2023

Comments received after the close of the formal public comment period (May 11, 2023 through June 9, 2023) were provided to SPC members for consideration and have been included in this Public Participation Report for *SmartMoves for a Changing Region*.

Ronda Craig

From: Linda Duffy
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 7:13 AM
To: Caitlin O'Connor; Ronda Craig
Cc: Ailisa Sobien; Mary Brangan
Subject: FW: Letter in PO Box
Attachments: Letter - Beaver County - 6-10-23.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Good morning, all

Please see attached

Linda Duffy

Development Program Assistant
Southwestern PA Corporation / Commission
412-391-5590 x0324

From: Ailisa Sobien <asobien@spcregion.org>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 6:27 AM
To: Linda Duffy <lduffy@spcregion.org>; Mary Brangan <mbrangan@spcregion.org>
Subject: Letter in PO Box

Hi Linda and Mary,

The attached letter was in the PO Box. I wasn't sure who to route it to. Would you be able to help me with this?

Thanks,

Ailisa Sobien

Finance Director
Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation

May-2023

Dear Sir, or whom it may concern.

We are a group of residents from Beaver Co. Monaca, Pa.

Reading about the Infrastructure plan for ways to improve our roads & improvements, we think our roads need to have our boroughs improve our roads which really need it. They need to be somewhat wider & nice & (Paved) smooth. In the winter if a car or pick-up comes the opposite way, you have to stop & let it go through, then proceed. Even if its in the summer on top. We want Cascade Rd on the heights repaired & widened. But we guess the Borough won't have it done. Please put in a good word for us. Thanks so much. Monaca residents.

BEAVER Co.
15061

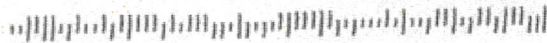
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5/12/2023
Anonymous
Public Comment

To Whom IT MAY CONCERN,

I currently live in Chippewa
Twp, Beaver County PA. As
I drive many state secondary
roads, I find them to be in
very deplorable condition.

To date I personally have
yet to see a PennDOT truck
or any of their equipment out
filling holes, attempting to
repair anything. There are
roadways falling over the
hill sides, drainage culverts
needing cleaned brand new
repair work with trees and
debris left all over the
roadways. The solution is
not to put up cones or
temporary stop signs for
2-3 yrs. until the problems
cost double to repair. In
closing western PA is the
worst roads in the state.

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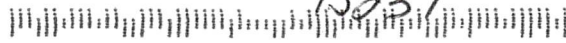
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Ronda Craig

From: Linda Duffy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 7:40 AM
To: Caitlin O'Connor; Ronda Craig
Subject: FW: Scanned Mail
Attachments: Public Comments Zoning Board Springhill Twp.pdf

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Good morning,

See attached

Linda Duffy

Development Program Assistant
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From: Linda Duffy <lduffy221@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 7:19 AM
To: Linda Duffy <lduffy@spreregion.org>
Subject: Scanned Mail

WRITTEN COMMENT FORM
(Please Print Clearly)

Please use this form to submit your written comments on today's materials:

Comments:

There was a lot of information, but it was news to us. Information never gets to Fayette County, we are the last to get information. A microphone would be helpful. It was hard to hear some speakers.

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(Please use reverse for additional space)

Optional Information

Name: George W & Charmaine Steve
Organization: Zoning Board Springhill Twp. County of Residence: Fayette
Address: 739 Bunker Hill Road, LAKE LYNN, PA 152157
Email: G1739@aol.com

Thank You! Please Feel free to take this form with you and send it back to us when you have a minute.

By Mail: SPC Comments

Two Chatham Center, Suite 500 / 112 Washington Place / Pittsburgh, PA 15219

By Fax: 412-391-9160 or By Email: comments@spcregion.org

4/21/2023

Mailed

DAVID S TWYMAN
3201 DUQUESNE AVE
WEST MIFFLIN, PA 15122

DEAR SIR,

IN RESPONSE TO I-79 BRIDGE
IMPROVEMENTS =

"NOW" THAT THE STATE IS
LOOKING AT THE I-79 S-CURVES,
I HAVE AN SUGGESTION.

OPTION A = BUILD 2-3 LANE
TUNNELS

OPTION B = BUILD 4 TUNNELS

I HOPE THIS HELPS OUT

— GOOD LUCK —

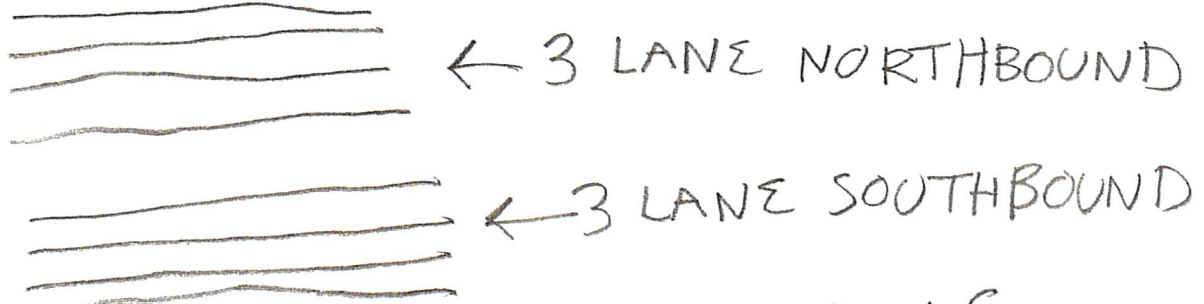
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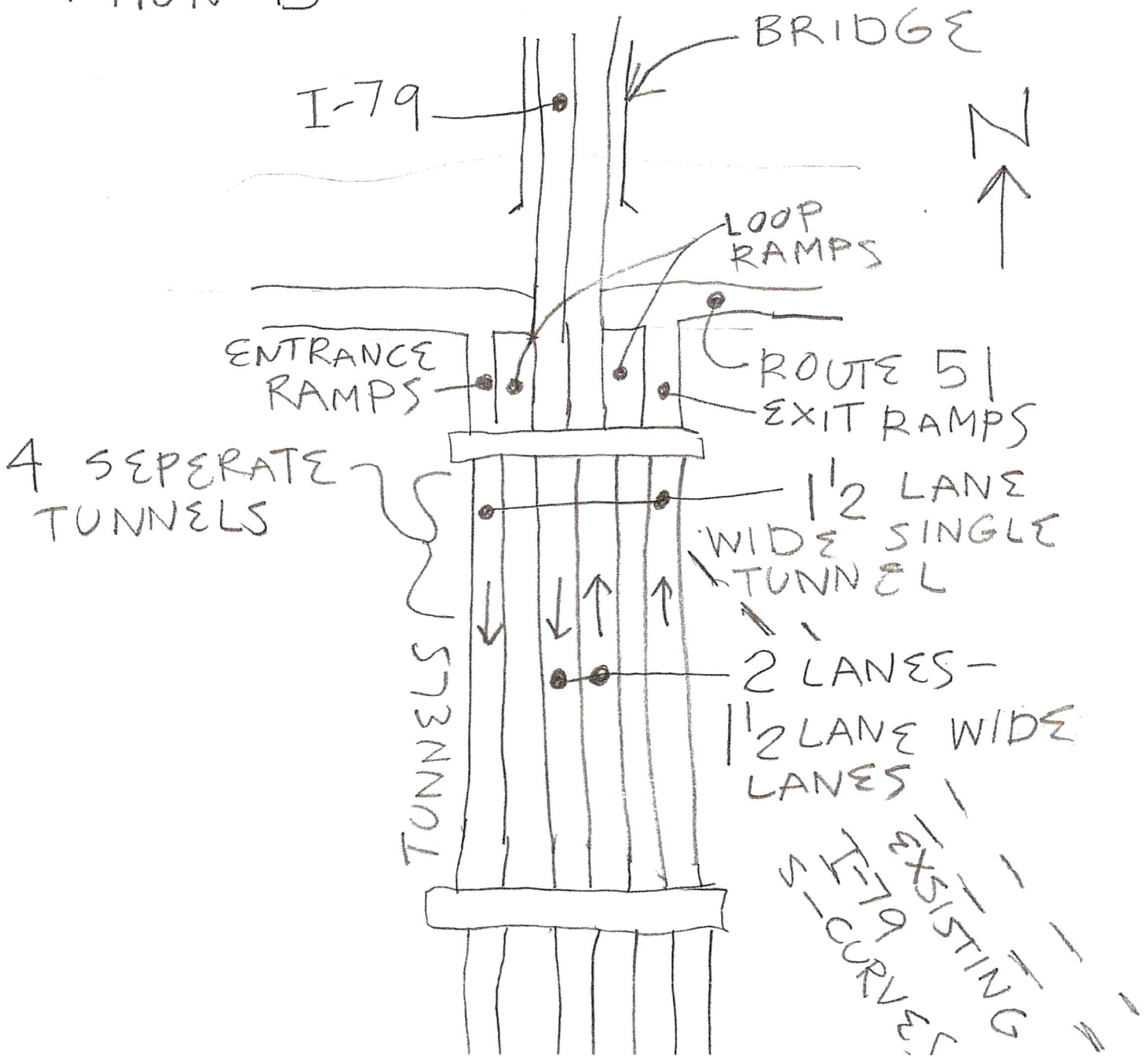
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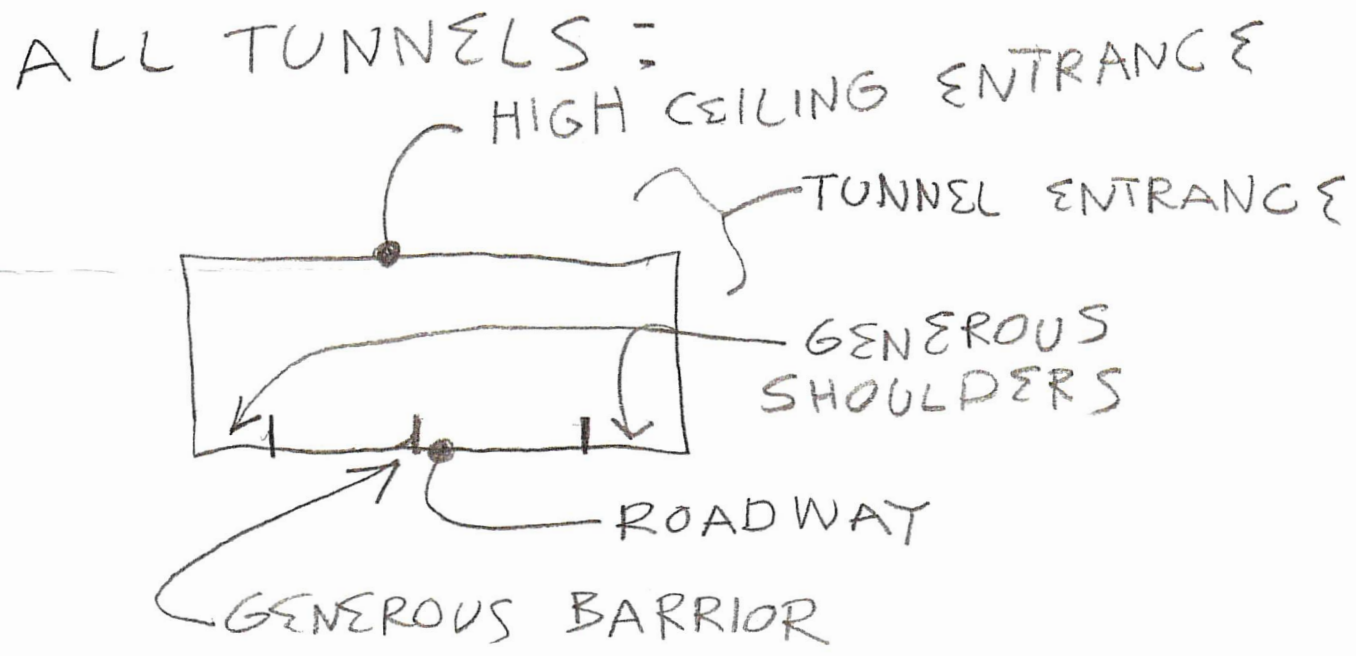
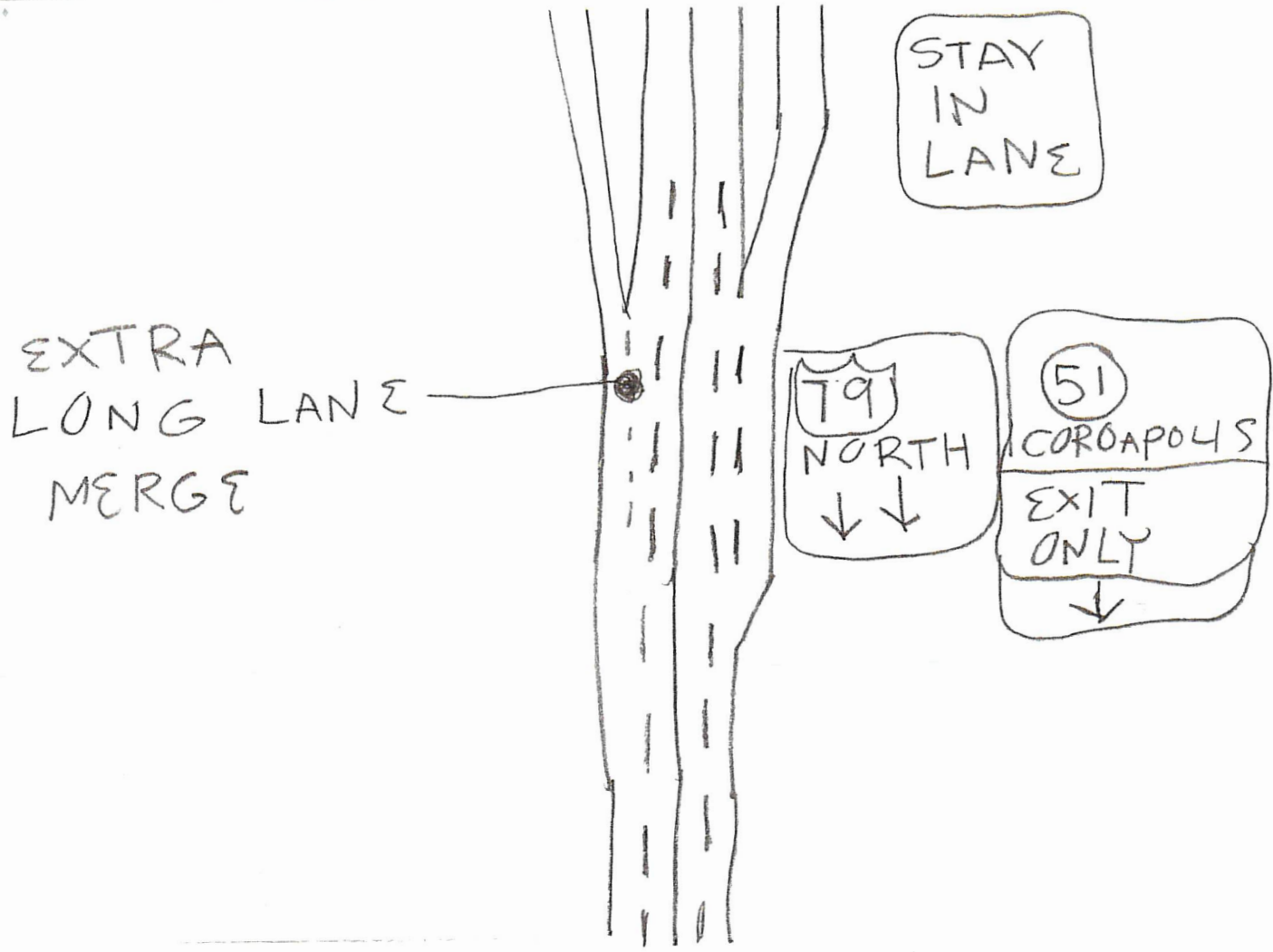
I-79 S-CURVE IMPROVEMENTS

OPTION A = 2-3 LANE TUNNELS



OPTION B: 4 SEPERATE TUNNELS





V. Documentation of Public Outreach Activities to Libraries and Cultural Communities

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission engaged with libraries, grassroots organizations, cultural organizations, and community-service providers asking the organizations to post/display SPC's public meeting notices, informational materials on their websites, share on social media, and place information materials at their facilities.

- 72+ Libraries
- 9 Cultural Organizations

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

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- Draft 2023-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which identifies the region's priority roadway, transit, and multimodal transportation improvements programmed for advancement over the next 20-25 years
- Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment of the Draft 2023-2050 LRTP
- Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Draft 2023-2050 LRTP

Libraries

Adams Memorial Library
Andrew Carnegie Free Library
Apollo Memorial Library
Belle Vernon Public Library
Bethel Park Public Library
B. F. Jones Memorial Library
Blairsville Free Library
Brownsville Free Library
Burgettstown Community Library
Butler Area Public Library
Carnegie Free Library of Beaver Falls
Carnegie Free Library of Connellsville
Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale
Carnegie Library of Homestead
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Allegheny
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Beechview
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Brookline
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Cultural Communities

Casa San Jose
Latino Community Center
Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
The Pittsburgh Hispanic Development Corporation
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
Pittsburgh Latino Magazine
JFCS Jewish Family and Community Services (Media and PR Requests) JFCS
Jewish Family and Community Services (General Inquiries)
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JFCS's Ukraine Welcome to Pittsburgh Chinese Cultural Center

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Ronda



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AVISO DEL PERÍODO DE COMENTARIOS Y REUNIONES PÚBLICAS



La Comisión del Suroeste de Pensilvania (Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission; SPC) solicita la opinión pública sobre los siguientes importantes borradores de documentos:

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- Evaluación de los beneficios y cargas para la justicia medioambiental de SmartMoves for a Changing Region
- Determinación de la conformidad de la calidad del aire para *SmartMoves for a Changing Region*

A partir del 11 de mayo de 2023, estos borradores estarán disponibles para su revisión pública en www.spcregion.org, en el City of Pittsburgh's Department (Departamento de Planificación Urbana de la ciudad de Pittsburgh), en los County Planning Departments (Departamentos de Planificación de los Condados) y en muchas bibliotecas públicas del suroeste de Pensilvania.

Los paneles de participación pública de la SPC le animan a asistir a una reunión pública para saber más sobre los borradores de los documentos. Las reuniones tendrán un formato de puertas abiertas. Habrá oportunidades para ver mapas, hablar con representantes de la SPC, PennDOT, operadores de transporte y departamentos de planificación, hacer preguntas y enviar comentarios.

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Condado de Greene	1 de junio de 2023	5-7 PM	<i>Centro de carreras y tecnología del condado de Greene, 60 Zimmerman Drive Waynesburg, PA 15370</i>
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Los representantes del SPC aceptarán comentarios sobre los borradores de los documentos en cualquier reunión. Los comentarios por escrito también pueden presentarse online en www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPC_Public_Input, enviarse por correo electrónico a comments@spcregion.org, enviarse por correo a *SPC Comments en PO Box 101429, Pittsburgh, PA 15237* o por fax a (412) 391-9160.

Todos los comentarios deben recibirse antes del viernes 9 de junio a las 4 PM.

La Comisión del Suroeste de Pensilvania (SPC) está comprometida con el cumplimiento de los requisitos de no discriminación de los estatutos de derechos civiles, órdenes ejecutivas, reglamentos y políticas aplicables a los programas y actividades que administra. En consecuencia, la SPC se compromete a garantizar que los beneficiarios del programa cuenten con oportunidades de participación pública sin distinción de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad, discapacidad o situación económica. Las instalaciones para reuniones son accesibles para personas con discapacidad y se puede llegar a ellas en transporte público. La SPC proporcionará servicios auxiliares a las personas con necesidades de lenguaje, habla, vista o audición, siempre que la solicitud de asistencia se realice 3 días antes de la reunión. SPC intentará satisfacer las solicitudes realizadas con menos de 3 días de antelación en la medida en que los recursos lo permitan. Por favor, haga su solicitud de servicios auxiliares a Ronda Craig en el (412) 391-5590, Ext. 0372, o rcraig@spcregion.org. Si cree que se le han negado oportunidades de participación, o se le ha discriminado de alguna otra manera en relación con los programas o actividades administrados por la SPC, puede presentar una queja utilizando los procedimientos previstos en nuestro documento sobre el proceso de quejas o poniéndose en contacto con el Coordinador Título VI de la SPC llamando al (412) 391-5590. Para más información, o para obtener un formulario de queja de discriminación de Título VI, consulte nuestra página web: www.spcregion.org o llame al 412-391-5590.

INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LOS SERVICIOS DE TRÁNSITO - Para obtener información sobre los servicios de tránsito en el condado de Allegheny, llame al servicio de atención al cliente de Pittsburgh Regional Transit al 412-442-2000. Para obtener información sobre el tránsito en otros condados, visite: www.commuteinfo.org/comm_trans.shtml o llame al 1-888-819-6110.

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AVVISO DI CONSULTAZIONE DEI CITTADINI E DI CONVOCAZIONE DI ASSEMBLEE PUBBLICHE



La Commissione della Pennsylvania Sud occidentale (SPC) chiede il parere dei cittadini sulle proposte contenute nelle bozze dei seguenti documenti:

- *Piano di sviluppo dei trasporti "SmartMoves for a Changing Region"* (Scelte intelligenti per una regione in evoluzione) che definisce le priorità della regione in materia di viabilità, trasporti e miglioramento del trasporto multimodale, con programmi da realizzare nei prossimi 25-30 anni
- Valutazione di oneri e benefici del piano Smart Moves for a Changing Region in termini di equità delle scelte in campo ambientale
- Valutazione del piano *SmartMoves for a Changing Region in base alla conformità alle norme sulla qualità dell'aria*

A partire dall'11 maggio 2023, le bozze di questi documenti saranno disponibili al pubblico sul sito www.spcregion.org, presso il Dipartimento di pianificazione urbana della città di Pittsburgh, i dipartimenti di pianificazione della contea e in molte biblioteche pubbliche della Pennsylvania sud occidentale.

I Comitati per la partecipazione pubblica della SPC invitano i cittadini a intervenire a una delle assemblee pubbliche per avere maggiori informazioni sulle bozze dei documenti. Le assemblee saranno pubbliche e aperte a tutti. Sarà possibile esaminare le mappe, parlare con i rappresentanti della SPC, della PennDOT, degli addetti ai trasporti e dei dipartimenti di pianificazione, porre domande e fare commenti.

Contea di Beaver	11 maggio 2023	14:00-16:00	<i>Assemblea virtuale - collegarsi all'indirizzo https://www.spcregion.org/events/</i>
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Nel corso delle assemblee, i rappresentanti della SPC accoglieranno le osservazioni sulle bozze dei documenti. Inoltre, è possibile inviare online commenti scritti a www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPC_Public_Input, via posta elettronica a comments@spcregion.org, per posta a **SPC Comments at PO Box 101429, Pittsburgh, PA 15237** o via fax al numero (412) 391-9160.

Tutti i commenti devono pervenire entro venerdì 9 giugno alle 16:00.

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INFORMAZIONI SUI SERVIZI DI TRASPORTO: per avere informazioni sui servizi di trasporto nella Contea di Allegheny chiamare il Pittsburgh Regional Transit Customer Service al numero 412-442-2000. Per avere informazioni sui trasporti in altre contee, visitare il sito: www.commuteinfo.org/comm_trans.shtml o chiamare il numero 1-888-819-6110.

La presente comunicazione soddisfa i requisiti per i progetti dell'Urbanized Area Formula Program della Federal Transit Administration per Beaver County Transit Authority, Butler Transit Authority, Fayette Area Coordinated Transit Authority, Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority, Port Authority of Allegheny County, Washington County Transportation Authority, Westmoreland County Transit Authority, SPC e CommuteInfo, un programma della SPC.

सार्वजनिक टिप्पणी अवधि और सार्वजनिक बैठकों के बारे में सूचना



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- स्मार्ट मूव्स फॉर ए चेंजिंग रीजन (अर्थात, बदलते क्षेत्र के लिए चतुर पहल) परिवहन और विकास योजना, जो इस क्षेत्र की प्राथमिकतापूर्ण सड़क-मार्ग की पहचान करती है, अगले 25-30 सालों में तरक्की करने के लिए पारगमन और बहुविध परिवहन सुधारों का कार्यक्रम
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एसपीसी के सार्वजनिक भागीदारी टीमों आपको इन प्रारूप दस्तावेजों के बारे में अधिक जानने के लिए एक सार्वजनिक बैठक में भाग लेने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करती हैं। ये बैठकें खुले मंच के रूप में आयोजित की जाएंगी। इन बैठकों में आपको नक्शे देखने, एसपीसी, पेन-डॉट, पारगमन प्रचालक, और आयोजन विभागों के प्रतिनिधियों से बात करने, प्रश्न पूछने और टिप्पणी करने का अवसर मिलेगा।

बीवर काउंटी	11 मई 2023	अपराह्न 2-4 बजे	आभासी बैठक - लिंक - https://www.spcregion.org/events/
वाशिंगटन काउंटी	15 मई 2023	अपराह्न 3-5 बजे	कोर्टहाउस - स्कायर बिल्डिंग, 100 वेस्ट ब्यू स्ट्रीट, सुएट 103/104 वाशिंगटन, पीए 15301
इंडियाना काउंटी	18 मई 2023	अपराह्न 3-5 बजे	पीए करियरलिक बिल्डिंग, 300 इंडियन स्प्रिंग्स रोड, इंडियाना, पीए 15701
लॉरेंस काउंटी	22 मई 2023	अपराह्न 11:30-1 बजे	हचिसन कम्युनिटी सेंटर, पियरसन पार्क ड्राइव, नेशानोक टाउनशिप, पीए 16105
आर्मस्ट्रोंग काउंटी	23 मई 2023	अपराह्न 3-5 बजे	बटलर कम्युनिटी कॉलेज (बीसी3), 1100 4था एवेन्यू फोर्ड सिटी, पीए 16226
पिट्सबर्ग शहर	25 मई 2023	अपराह्न 5:30 - 7:30 बजे	आभासी बैठक - लिंक - https://www.spcregion.org/events/
वेस्टमोरलैंड काउंटी	30 मई, 2023	अपराह्न 5-7 बजे	वेस्टमोरलैंड काउंटी कोर्टहाउस, सार्वजनिक बैठक कक्ष, 2 एन मेइन स्ट्रीट ग्रीनबर्ग, पीए 15601
फायेट काउंटी	31 मई 2023	अपराह्न 5:30-7:30 बजे	2 डब्ल्यू मेइन स्ट्रीट (पहले द गैलाटिन बैंक बिल्डिंग), यूनियनटाउन, पीए 15401
ग्रीन काउंटी	1 जून 2023	अपराह्न 5-7 बजे	ग्रीन काउंटी करियर एंड टेक्नॉलजी सेंटर, 60 जिमेरमैन ड्राइव वेन्सबर्ग, पीए 15370
बटलर काउंटी	6 जून 2023	अपराह्न 5-6:30 बजे	आभासी बैठक - लिंक - https://www.spcregion.org/events/
अलेगेनी काउंटी	8 जून 2023	अपराह्न 6-7:30 बजे	आभासी बैठक - लिंक - https://www.spcregion.org/events/

एसपीसी के प्रतिनिधि सभी बैठकों में इन प्रारूप दस्तावेजों पर दी गई टिप्पणियों को स्वीकार करेंगे। लिखित टिप्पणियाँ ऑनलाइन पर www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPC_Public_Input पर भी जमा की जा सकती हैं, या comments@spcregion.org को ईमेल की जा सकती हैं, या डाक द्वारा SPC Comments at PO Box 101429, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 को भेजी जा सकती हैं, या (412) 391-9160 को फैक्स की जा सकती हैं।

सभी टिप्पणियाँ शुक्रवार, 9 जून को अपराह्न 4 बजे तक आ जानी चाहिए।

दक्षिणपश्चिमी पेंसिल्वेनिया आयोग (एसपीसी) उसके द्वारा प्रशासित कार्यक्रमों और गतिविधियों पर लागू होने वाले नागरिक अधिकार कानूनों, कार्यपालक के आदेशों, विनियमों और नीतियों की भेद-भाव निषेध आवश्यकताओं का अनुपालन करने के प्रति कटिबद्ध है। तदनुसार, एसपीसी इसे सुनिश्चित करने के प्रति दृढ़ संकल्प रखता है कि बिना नस्ल, रंग, राष्ट्रीय उद्गम स्थान, लिंग, उम्र, अक्षमता या आर्थिक स्थिति का लिहाज किए कार्यक्रम के लाभाधिकारियों को सार्वजनिक भागीदारी के अवसर मिलते हैं। बैठक के स्थल अक्षमता-युक्त लोगों के लिए सुगम्य हैं और उन तक सार्वजनिक परिवहन साधनों से पहुँचा जा सकता है। एसपीसी भाषा, वाणी, दृष्टि या श्रवण आवश्यकता वाले व्यक्तियों को सहायक सेवाएँ मुहैया कराएगा, बशर्ते इनकी माँग बैठक से 3 दिन पहले की जाए। 3 दिन से कम समय में प्राप्त हुए अनुरोधों को पूरा करने की कोशिश एसपीसी संसाधन उपलब्ध रहने की सीमा तक करेगा। कृपया इन सहयोगी सेवाओं का अनुरोध गेंडा क्रेडिग को (412) 391-5590, विस्तार 0372 पर, अथवा rcraig@spcregion.org पर भेजें। यदि आप मानते हैं कि आपको भागीदारी के अवसरों से वंचित किया गया है, अथवा अन्य रीति से एसपीसी द्वारा प्रशासित कार्यक्रमों या गतिविधियों में आपके साथ भेद-भाव बरता गया है, तो आप हमारे शिकायत प्रक्रिया दस्तावेज में बताई गई कार्यविधियों का अनुसरण करके शिकायत दर्ज कर सकते हैं, या इस उद्देश्य से एसपीसी के शीर्षक 6 समायोजक को (412) 391-5590 पर कॉल कर सकते हैं। अधिक जानकारी के लिए, अथवा शीर्षक 6 भेद-भाव शिकायत फॉर्म प्राप्त करने के लिए कृपया www.spcregion.org पर हमारी वेबसाइट देखें या 412-391-5590 पर कॉल करें।

पारगमन सेवा जानकारी - अलेगेनी काउंटी में पारगमन सेवाओं के बारे में जानकारी के लिए कृपया पिट्सबर्ग क्षेत्रीय पारगमन ग्राहक सेवा को 412-442-2000 पर कॉल करें। अन्य काउंटियों में पारगमन के बारे में जानकारी के लिए कृपया www.commutinfo.org/comm_trans.shtml पर पधारें अथवा 1-888-819-6110 पर कॉल करें।

यह सूचना बीवर काउंटी पारगमन अधिकरण, बटलर पारगमन अधिकरण, फायेट क्षेत्र समायोजित पारगमन, मिड मॉन वैली पारगमन अधिकरण, अलेगेनी काउंटी के पत्तन अधिकरण, वाशिंगटन काउंटी पारगमन अधिकरण, वेस्टमोरलैंड काउंटी पारगमन अधिकरण, एसपीसी, और कम्प्यूट-इन्फो, जो एसपीसी का एक कार्यक्रम है, के शहरीकृत क्षेत्र फॉर्म्युला कार्यक्रम की परियोजनाओं के कार्यक्रमों की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करती है।

賓夕法尼亞州西南部委員會
關於公開評議期和公眾會議的通知



賓夕法尼亞州西南部委員會 (SPC) 正在就以下重要文件草案徵求公眾意見：

- SmartMoves for a Changing Region 交通與發展計劃，該計劃確定了該地區未來 25-30 年內優先改善的道路、交通和多式聯運
- Smart Moves for a Changing Region 的環境正義利益和負擔評估
- SmartMoves for a Changing Region 的空氣質量合格評定

自 2023 年 5 月 11 日起，這些文件草案將可在 www.spcregion.org、匹茲堡市城市規劃部、縣規劃部以及賓夕法尼亞州西南部的多個公共圖書館供公眾審閱。

SPC 的公眾參與小組鼓勵您參加公眾會議，以瞭解有關文件草案的更多信息。會議將以開放的形式舉行。與會者將有機會查看地圖，與 SPC、PennDOT、交通運營商以及規劃部的代表對話，提出問題並提交意見。

比弗縣	2023 年 5 月 11 日	下午 2-4 點	虛擬會議 — 鏈接: https://www.spcregion.org/events/
華盛頓縣	2023 年 5 月 15 日	下午 3-5 點	Courthouse Square Building, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 103/104 Washington, PA 15301
印地安納縣	2023 年 5 月 18 日	下午 3-5 點	PA CareerLink Building, 300 Indian Springs Rd, Indiana, PA 15701
勞倫斯縣	2023 年 5 月 22 日	下午 11:30-1 點	Hutchison Community Center Pearson Park Drive Neshannock Township, PA 16105
阿姆斯特朗縣	2023 年 5 月 23 日	下午 3-5 點	Butler Community College (BC3), 1100 4th Avenue Ford City, PA 16226
匹茲堡市	2023 年 5 月 25 日	下午 5:30 - 7:30 點	虛擬會議 — 鏈接: https://www.spcregion.org/events/
威斯特摩蘭縣	2023 年 5 月 30 日	下午 5-7 點	Westmoreland County Courthouse, Public Meeting Room, 2 N Main Street Greensburg, PA 15601
費耶特縣	2023 年 5 月 31 日	下午 5:30-7:30 點	2 W Main Street (原 Gallatin Bank Building), Uniontown, PA 15401
格林縣	2023 年 6 月 1 日	下午 5-7 點	Greene County Career and Technology Center, 60 Zimmerman Drive Waynesburg, PA 15370
巴特勒縣	2023 年 6 月 6 日	下午 5-6:30 點	虛擬會議 — 鏈接: https://www.spcregion.org/events/
阿利根尼縣	2023 年 6 月 8 日	下午 6-7:30 點	虛擬會議 — 鏈接: https://www.spcregion.org/events/

SPC 代表將在所有會議上接受對文件草案的意見。書面意見也可在線提交至 www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPC_Public_Input，或發送電子郵件至 comments@spcregion.org，或郵寄至 SPC 意見: PO Box 101429, Pittsburgh, PA 15237，或傳真至 (412) 391-9160。

所有意見均需在 6 月 9 日星期五下午 4 點前送達。

賓夕法尼亞州西南部委員會 (SPC) 致力於遵守適用於其管理項目和活動的民權法規、行政命令、法規政策的非歧視性要求。因此，SPC 致力於確保任何種族、膚色、國籍、性別、年齡、殘疾或經濟狀況的項目受益人均能獲得公眾參與機會。殘障人士可使用會議設施，會議地點乘坐公共交通工具即可到達。SPC 將為存在語言、視力或聽力障礙的人士提供輔助服務，但必須在會議前 3 天提出協助請求。SPC 將在資源允許的情況下盡量滿足在 3 天內提出的請求。請致電 (412) 391-5590 分機號 0372 或發送郵件至 rcraig@spcregion.org 向 Ronda Craig 提出您的輔助服務請求。如果您認為您在 SPC 管理的項目或活動中被剝奪參與機會或受到其他歧視，您可使用我們的投訴流程文件中提供的程序提出投訴，或致電 (412) 391-5590 聯絡 SPC 的 Title VI 協調員。欲瞭解更多信息或獲取 Title VI 歧視投訴表，請訪問我們的網站: www.spcregion.org 或致電 412-391-5590。

交通服務信息 — 有關阿利根尼縣的交通服務信息，請致電 412-442-2000 與匹茲堡地區交通客服聯絡。有關其他縣的交通信息，請訪問: www.commuteinfo.org/comm_trans.shtml 或致電 1-888-819-6110。

本通知符合聯邦交通管理局城市化地區公式計劃的項目要求，該要求適用於比弗縣交通管理局、巴特勒交通管理局、費耶特地區協調交通管理局、Mid Mon Valley 交通管理局、阿利根尼縣港務局、華盛頓縣交通管理局、威斯特摩蘭縣交通局、SPC 以及 SPC 的 CommuteInfo 計劃。

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VI. Summaries of Virtual and In-Person Public Participation Panel (PPP) Meetings, Electronic Communications, Social Media Posts, and Media Coverage

SmartMoves: Public Participation Report
May/June 2023

There were seven in-person and four virtual Public Participation Panel (PPP) meetings held between May 11, 2023 and June 8, 2023 that provided an overview of the draft LRTP documents, updates on project advancement, and opportunities for the public to ask questions and submit comments over light refreshments. These meetings were held for each of the ten counties in the SPC region and the City of Pittsburgh. SPC worked directly with Commissioners, Planning Directors, Public Participation Panelists, and PennDOT to coordinate all of the details for the Public meetings.

-Beginning on Monday, May 11, 2023, the draft documents were made available for public review on SPC's website at www.spcregion.org.

-The PPP Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 meetings included a combined total of 362 county participants, and 228 SPC staff and PennDOT staff participants that participated virtually or in-person. All virtual PPP meetings were recorded and made available Online.

-Public meeting consisted of 7 in-person and 4 virtual meetings.

--Media outlets throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania were pitched and notified of our meetings. This included pitch notes and media advisories being sent to. **Earned media:** We secured 19 news stories (this included 3 television interviews, 13 newspaper/online articles and 3 radio spots).

-A social media toolkit was customized for each of the SPC counties and the City of Pittsburgh. **Social Media** posts promoting the PPP meetings were developed on all SPC's channels to engage with the 10-county region. Across social media platforms, there were 40+ posts, 325+ engagements, 167+ reactions, 44+ shares, 16 comments, 1,038+ impressions, 39+ likes and 22+ retweets.

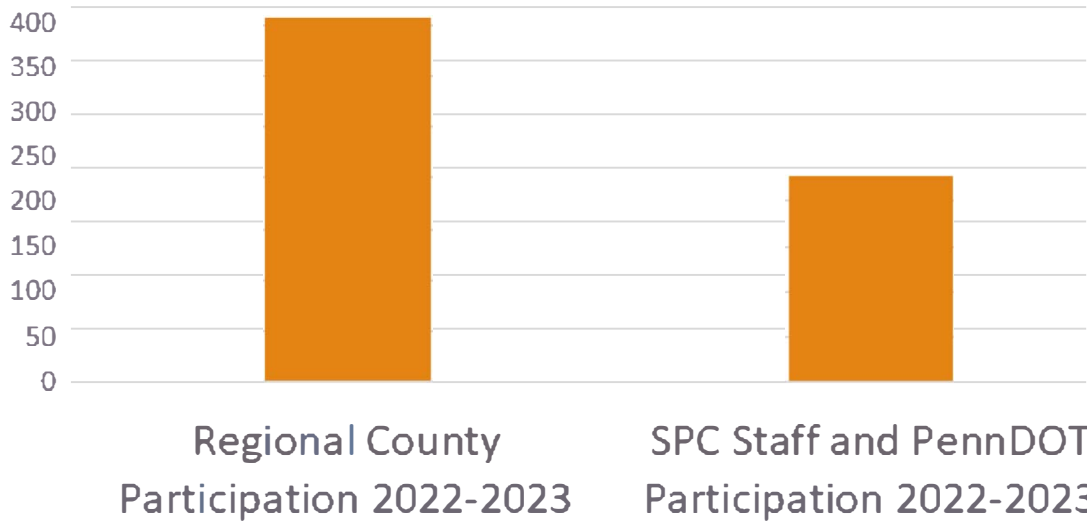
-Save-the-date calendar invites were sent to all ten counties and the City of Pittsburgh. The invite included a social media toolkit. Follow-up emails were sent to all ten counties and the City of Pittsburgh that included draft LRTP information links, a SurveyMonkey link to submit public comments, a meeting link for all virtual meetings, contact information, and any media coverage links.

-A total of 78 public comments were received regarding the draft LRTP. During the public comment period, SPC received the following: 5 written comments; 36 emailed comments; 31 Online comments through SurveyMonkey. An additional 6 comments were received after the close of the public comment period and 21 evaluations.

-SPC promoted the PPP meetings and public comment period through content that SPC curated on the SPC website and in the SPC newsletter. There were 731 website views on the draft LRTP page and 324 website views on the event section, (links).

-Paid media advertisements/legal ads were placed in 12 newspapers/hard copy publications in SWPA print and online.

2022-2023 Public Meeting Participation



■ 2022-2023 Public Meeting Participation

Public Meeting Participation Fall 2022 and Spring 2023



County	Date	Time	In Person/Virtually	Number of Participants for Public Meeting 2023	Place
Beaver County	May 11, 2023	2-4 PM	Virtually	59	Virtually
Washington County	May 15, 2023	3-5 PM	In Person	57	Courthouse Square Building, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 103/104 Washington, PA 15301
Indiana County	May 18, 2023	3-5 PM	In Person	52	CareerLink Building, 300 Indian Springs Rd, Indiana PA
Lawrence County	May 22, 2023	11:30-1:00 PM	In Person	61	Hutchison Community Center Pearson Park Drive Neshannock Township PA 16105
Armstrong County	May 23, 2023	3-5 PM	In Person	45	BC3 (Butler Community College), 1100 4th Avenue Ford City PA
The City of Pittsburgh	May 25, 2023	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Virtually	50	Virtually
Westmoreland County	May 30, 2023	5-7 PM	In Person	48	Westmoreland County Courthouse, Commissioners Public Meeting Room, Courthouse Square 2 N Main Street Greensburg PA 15601
Fayette County	May 31, 2023	5:30-7:30 PM	In Person	64	2 W Main Street Uniontown (Formerly the Gallatin Bank Building), Uniontown PA
Greene County	June 1, 2023	5-7 PM	In Person	39	Greene County Career and Technology Center, 60 Zimmerman Drive Waynesburg PA
Butler County	June 6, 2023	5-6:30 PM	Virtually	53	Virtually
Allegheny County	June 8, 2023	6-7:30 PM	Virtually	62	Virtually

Ronda Craig

From: Ronda Craig
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Attachments: Allegheny County - Social Media Toolkit - PPP Meetings.docx; Social Media ToolKit Instruction Guide for Allegheny County - PD10154_PPP.pdf; SocialMediaGraphic_FBStory.jpg; SocialMediaGraphic_FBStory2.jpg; SocialMediaGraphic_Linkedin.jpg; SocialMediaGraphic_Post.jpg; SocialMediaGraphic_Posy2.jpg; SocialMediaGraphic_FBEvent.jpg

Good morning all.

I hope everyone is having a wonderful week.

Attached is the social media toolkit materials for the upcoming, **June 8, virtual**, Allegheny County Public Meeting on the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

You will find the instruction guide (PDF), the Word doc (contains the copy of draft posts), and the accompanying visuals (graphics). There are draft posts and visuals for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ronda



Ronda Craig

Public Involvement Coordinator

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission

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Ronda Craig

Subject: FW: ATTENTION Please Join Us! The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and Allegheny County, Public Participation Panel will be hosting an informational VIRTUAL Public Meeting, Thursday June 8, 2023, starting at 6:00 pm.

Location: Virtual (Link is in this calendar invite)

Start: Thu 6/8/2023 6:00 PM
End: Thu 6/8/2023 8:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Ronda Craig

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Cc: Kelleman, Katharine; Porter, Erik; Bergamasco, Jordan; Zelesnak, John

Subject: ATTENTION Please Join Us! The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and Allegheny County, Public Participation Panel will be hosting an informational VIRTUAL Public Meeting, Thursday June 8, 2023, starting at 6:00 pm.

When: Thursday, June 8, 2023 6:00 PM-8:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Virtual (Link is in this calendar invite)

Good Afternoon Allegheny County Panelist!

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and Allegheny County, Public Participation Panel will be hosting an informational **VIRTUAL** Public Meeting, **Thursday June 8, 2023, starting at 6:00 pm**. This meeting will begin with a short presentation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's Long-Range Plan. The meeting will be held virtually on WebEx and can be accessed using the link and information at the end of this email.

The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is currently being updated for 2023, and this meeting will serve as your opportunity to provide your thoughts, comments and feedback, during our formal open comment period (May 11 – June 9, 2023, before a draft LRTP is submitted for adoption on June 26, 2023. Members of PennDOT, SPC, the County and transit representatives will be available to answer questions pertaining to specific transportation projects and infrastructure planning.

Thank you for your commitment to planning initiatives in Allegheny County. Please help in forwarding on this **'Save the Date'** to other community and county members who could benefit in attending the meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ronda Craig, SPC, Public Involvement Coordinator at 724-762-2569. ☺

Thursday, June 8, 2023

6:00 PM | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada) | 2 hrs

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Join by meeting number

Meeting number (access code): 2342 996 5660

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Allegheny County Virtual Public Meeting June 8 2023 Chat Box Comments	Time	First/Last Name	Contents
public	6/8/2023	Tao	I appreciate your comments about moving public transit all the way up to Cranberry. I know that everything closed down during the pandemic, but ask everything to open up to cover even more area than pre-pandemic.
public	6/8/2023	Mark Cassel	To what extent do your highway projects incorporate improvements for transit operations (such as transit signal priority) and ADA accessibility when they are occurring along transit corridors?
public	6/8/2023	Dan Wonders	What became of the discussions of using the Allegheny Valley RR corridor for a rail link into Pittsburgh?
public	6/8/2023	Cheryl Stephens	Very true. Sidewalks are the first infrastructure that is need. Could a study of the number of sidewalks in the 10 region be something that SPC could budget funding for and work with municipals to find them?
public	6/8/2023	Tao	Yes, I agree that lack of sidewalks is a huge problem! My parents live two blocks from North Park, but it's not safe to walk there as there are no sidewalks. Sidewalks are as important as roads. I get around exclusively via public transit and walking.
public	6/8/2023	Craig Toocheck	Check out PRT's NEXTransit long-range plan for more information about opportunities for our future transit network. https://nexttransit.network/
public	6/8/2023	Craig Toocheck	and keep an eye out for the forthcoming Network Redesign project
public	6/8/2023	Dale, ATU, Local	Our local represents MMVTA, BCTA, Washington City, Butler City and I would like to see additional reciprocity with our carriers, in the Greater Pittsburgh area with our brothers and sisters at PRT...is that a desirable part of your overall plan ?

			Thank you for your answers about transit route selection. Certainly happy to hear more destinations and hubs are being considered. Those will give our residents more choices in where they work and how they live. Do you plan to study how to improve the frequency and quality of interconnection between modes. Often a leg of a transit trip is fast and the wait for the next mode is very slow.
public	6/8/2023	Marc Ford	
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public	6/8/2023	Dale, ATU, Local	Dale R Hutchison ATU Local 1743, Executive Board Member, Urban and Transportation Planning, and Contract Specialist. drhutch01@aol.com 412 728-2891. Thank you again.
public	6/8/2023	Thomas Klevan	Thank you everyone for tis fabulous discussion!
public	6/8/2023	Mark Cassel	Thank you for your time and information!
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Good Morning Carla.

Could you possible push this out to the group and any other Armstrong County groups who may feel will benefit.

I'm hoping we can get a good turnout at the meeting.

Only 8 people accepted the meeting so far. Any helping would be greatly appreciated and will be good for our community and Armstrong County as a whole.

Thanks and have a good day. 😊🙏

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Butler Community College (BC3) 1100 4th Avenue, Ford City

Location:

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Good Afternoon Armstrong County Panelist!

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The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is currently being updated for 2023, and this meeting will serve as your opportunity to provide your thoughts, comments and feedback, during our formal open comment period (May 11-June 9, 2023), before a draft LRTP is submitted for adoption on June 26, 2023. Members of PennDOT, SPC, the County and transit representatives will be available to answer questions pertaining to specific transportation projects and infrastructure planning.

Thank you for your commitment to planning initiatives in Armstrong County. Please help in forwarding on this "Save the Date" to other county and community members who could benefit in attending the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ronda Craig, SPC, at 724-762-2569. ☺



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Good morning,

Thank you so much for participating in the Armstrong County Public meeting on Tuesday, May 23. It was great to meet in person and place a face to a name.

Awesome Turnout! Thank You Commissioners, Armstrong County Planning Office and everyone who made Tuesdays success possible. Thank You Panelist for your participation and those new faces for coming out 🙏😊.

Attached is the Long Range Transportation Plan presentation and a photo from the Public meeting.

Below you will find links from the Executive Summary, Draft Plan, Story Map and Appendix IV Project Currently, and submit your public comments.

Here are the links for the Long-Range Transportation Executive Summary [PD10155 Executive-Summary.pdf \(spcregion.org\)](#)

The Long-Range Transportation Draft plan [SmartMoves-LRTP.pdf \(spcregion.org\)](#).

The SmartMoves Story Map [SmartMoves for a Changing Region Transportation Investments \(arcgis.com\)](#).

Appendix IV: Regional Vision List for Southwestern Pennsylvania-Revenues and Projects Currently Within Fiscal Capacity [Appendix-IV-1-FINAL-DRAFT-Combined-Files-5.8.23.pdf \(spcregion.org\)](#)

The public comment period is **May 11-June 9, 2023**. There are a variety of ways to provide your comments and feedback.

Please click the link [SPC Public Input Form Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#) or submit your comments, thoughts, ideas or concerns to comments@spcregion.org.

Have a great Memorial Day!



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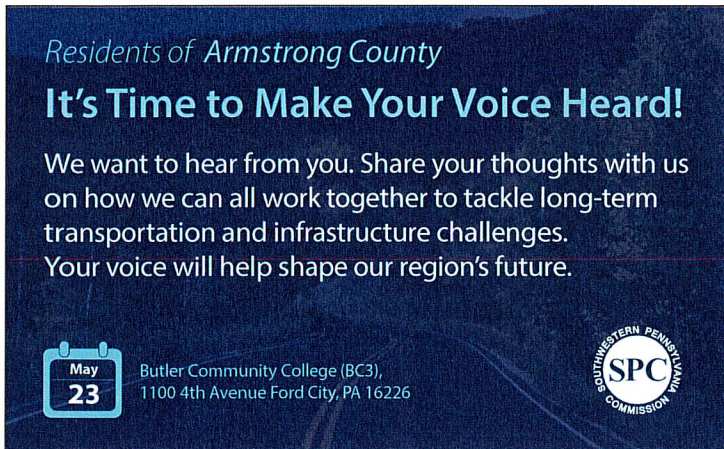
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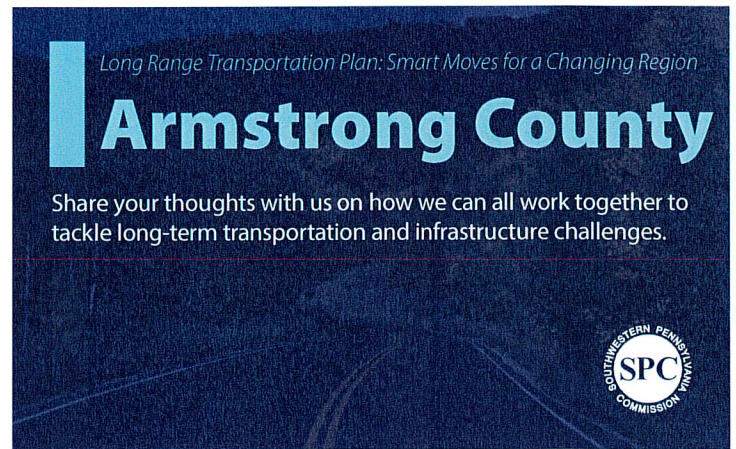
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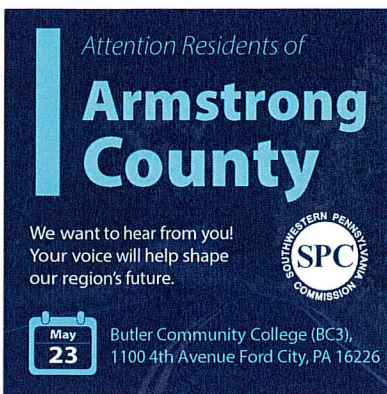
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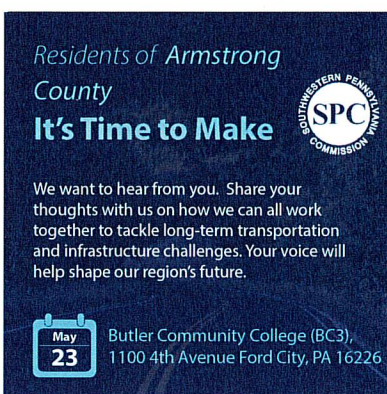
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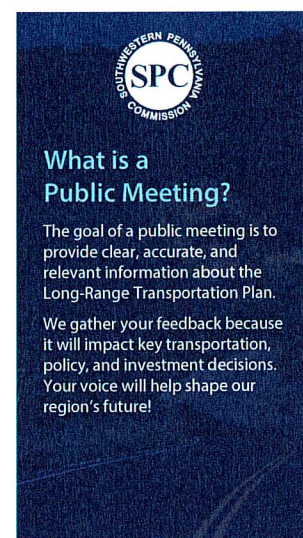
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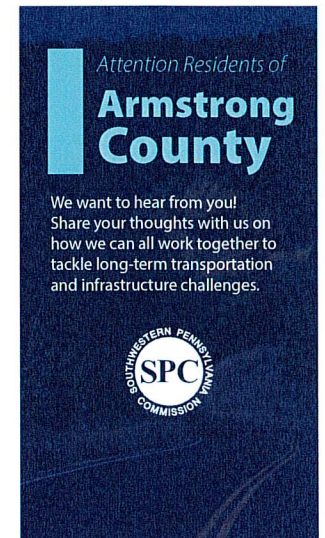
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May 25, 2023

Southwestern PA Commission gathers information from county residents on transportation, infrastructure issues

By ANNE CLOONAN
Staff Reporter

Members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC), met on Tuesday at the new Butler County Community College in Ford City to collect public input for their long-range transportation plan.

The plan they are updating, according to an SPC press release, called *SmartMoves for a Changing Region*, was adopted in June 2019 and included more than \$35 billion in regional transportation priorities for the next 25 years.

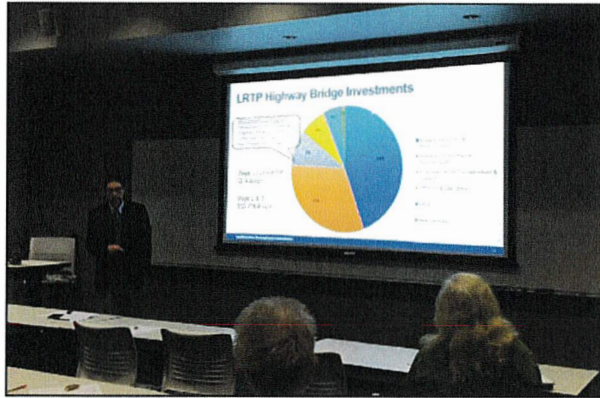
Caitlin O'Connor, SPC media point of contact, wrote in the release that the SPC is the area's designated metropolitan planning organization and works closely with the 10 counties in Southwestern Pennsylvania, including Armstrong County.

The agency also works closely with PennDOT on road improvement projects.

Ryan Gordon, manager, transportation program development for the SPC, presented a PowerPoint presentation about the plan during the meeting.

He said *SmartMoves for a Changing Region* includes a regional vision of a world-class, safe and well maintained, integrated transportation system that provides mobility for all, enables resilient communities and supports a globally competitive economy.

To achieve this vision, the long-range plan includes a list of projects currently within fiscal capacity and projects



Anne Cloonan | Leader Times

Ryan Gordon, shown here, explained multiple aspects of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's long-range transportation plan, which helps determine which PennDOT projects will be done, and which will be done first, during a meeting this week at BC3@Armstrong in Ford City.

beyond the fiscal capacity, he said.

Mr. Gordon said the Regional Vision includes three major categories, including: *transit projects*, such as a West Busway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) extension to Pittsburgh International Airport and an East Busway extension to the east suburbs and the Mon Valley, among other projects.

The Regional Vision also includes an *active transportation* category, or funds for walking/biking trails and filling in gaps between trails, he said.

The *active transportation* category includes extending

the Three Rivers Heritage Trail to Freeport; and connecting the Westmoreland Heritage Trail to the Great Allegheny Passage, the bike trail that runs through Homestead, among other projects.

The third category is *roadways*, that is, highway improvement projects such as the modernization of U.S. Route 30.

The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), lasts 25 years, and is updated every four years.

When projects are moved from the LRTP to the short-term, two-year TIF (Transportation Improvement Program), it means those projects will soon be started, or are, in the case of the Margaret Road intersection, already underway.

Other Armstrong County projects moved to the 2021 or 2023 TIF list include preservation work on the Judge J. Frank Graff Bridge; rehabilitation of the 1/112th Infantry Bridge and Graff Ramp; Armstrong State Route 28 group bridge rehabilitations; and safety improvements to the Goehenville Dip.

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Vision

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According to Mr. Gordon's PowerPoint presentation, Armstrong County projects in the current TIP include the Poverty Hill Bridge, work on the State Route 85-State Route 2001 intersection, U.S. Route 422 concrete preservation, Rural Valley Bridge #4, Brick Church Bridge #2, and the Pyra Road Bridge.

He said the projects will also be evaluated from an "envi-

ronmental justice" perspective, which helps ensure projects do not negatively impact minority communities.

Enhanced broadband is also important and a needed improvement, Mr. Gordon said.

After the meeting, Harold Swan, a planning and programming manager for PennDOT, said improvements on State Route 28 north of Kittanning will likely include turning lanes

and other work to make the road safer.

Darin Alviano of the Armstrong County Planning and Development office said the county is concerned with projects to the north, east, and in all parts of the county, not just in Kittanning.

Jeremy Dias of state Sen. Joe Pittman's office submitted the following statement about the meeting between SPC staff

members, local officials and PennDOT representatives:

"Sen. Pittman is always pleased to advocate and work to secure funding that addresses critical infrastructure needs within the 41st Senatorial district," he wrote. "We are grateful for the partnerships that exist with PennDOT, SPC and Armstrong County and for their efforts to help advance transportation projects within the region."

Public input

If a member of the public wasn't able to attend the meeting, but still wants to provide their perspective on the transportation plans and issues, SPC members invited them to submit their comments before June 9.

Citizens can submit their comments either by email at comments@spcregion.org, by submitting an online form

by fax at 412-391-9160; or by mailing comments to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's address at P.O. Box 101429, Pittsburgh, PA, 15237.

An SPC spokeswoman said SPC staff people respond to every comment.

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Attachments: Draft Posts - Beaver County - PPP Meetings.docx; Social Media ToolKit Instruction Guide for Beaver County - PD10154_PPP.pdf; PD10154_PPP Social Media Kits-BECO_PPP-Kit_-7.jpg; PD10154_PPP Social Media Kits-BECO_PPP-Kit_-2.jpg; PD10154_PPP Social Media Kits-BECO_PPP-Kit_-3.jpg; PD10154_PPP Social Media Kits-BECO_PPP-Kit_-4.jpg; PD10154_PPP Social Media Kits-BECO_PPP-Kit_-5.jpg; PD10154_PPP Social Media Kits-BECO_PPP-Kit_-6.jpg

Good afternoon all.

I hope you are having a wonderful start to your week.

Attached is the social media toolkit materials for the upcoming, May 11, virtual Beaver County Public Meeting on the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

You will find the instruction guide (PDF), the Word doc (contains the copy of draft posts), and the accompanying visuals (graphics). There are draft posts and visuals for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Please let me know if you have any questions.
Ronda



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Subject: Beaver County Virtual Public Meeting Information from May 11
Attachments: 5-11-23_BECO_LRTP_Slides_DRAFT_5-10-23_FINAL_Draft.pdf

Good morning,

Thank you so much for participating in the Beaver County virtual Public meeting on May 11 at 2:00 pm.

I have attached the PowerPoint presentation to this email.

Here are the links for the Long-Range Transportation Executive Summary [PD10155_Executive-Summary.pdf \(spcregion.org\)](#)

The Long-Range Transportation Draft plan [SmartMoves-LRTP.pdf \(spcregion.org\)](#).

The SmartMoves Story Map [SmartMoves for a Changing Region Transportation Investments \(arcgis.com\)](#).

The public comment period is May 11-June 9, 2023. There are a variety of ways to provide your comments and feedback.

Please click the link [SPC Public Input Form Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#) or submit your comments, thoughts, ideas or concerns to comments@spcregion.org.

Here are some clips on the Beaver County Virtual Public meeting.

Beaver County Radio (WBVP/W MBA radio): Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission to Host Public Meeting in Effort to Gather Feedback from Beaver County Residents on Local Transportation and Infrastructure Issues

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<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/southwestern-pennsylvania-commission-to-host-public-meeting-in-effort-to-gather-feedback-from-beaver-county-residents-on-local-transportation-and-infrastructure-issues/>

Beaver County Times: Beaver County comments sought on infrastructure projects

Garret Roberts

5/9/23

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/local/2023/05/08/penndot-seeks-roadwork-comments-from-beaver-county-residents/70196357007/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at rcraig@spcregion.org.

Have a wonderful day.

Ronda



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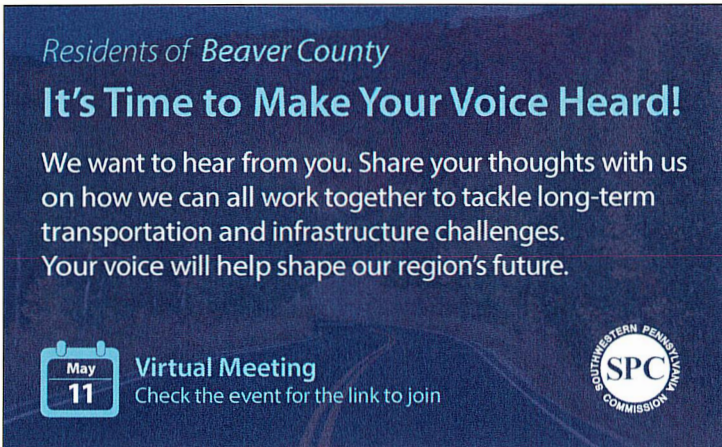
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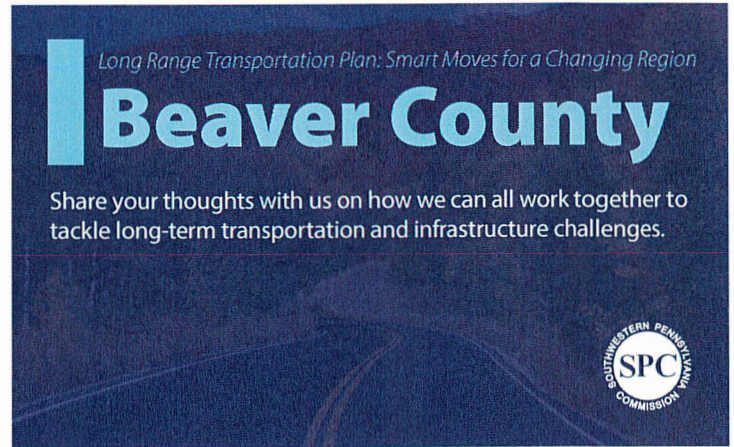
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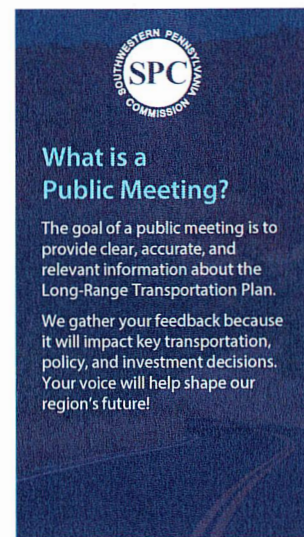
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When Posting a Facebook Story click "Stickers" and add a sticker that links to your event! you can also add stickers to tag SPC, and other partners.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC MEETINGS



The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is seeking input from the public on the following important draft documents:

- *SmartMoves for a Changing Region* transportation and development plan, which identifies the region's priority roadway, transit and multimodal transportation improvements programmed for advancement over the next 25-30 years
- Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment of Smart Moves for a Changing Region
- Air Quality Conformity Determination for *SmartMoves for a Changing Region*

Beginning May 11, 2023, these draft documents will be available for public review at www.spcregion.org, the City of Pittsburgh's Department of City Planning, County Planning Departments, and many public libraries throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania.

SPC's Public Participation Panels encourage you to attend a public meeting to learn more about the draft documents. Meetings will be open house in format. There will be opportunities to look at maps, talk to representatives from SPC, PennDOT, transit operators, and planning departments, ask questions, and submit comments.

Beaver County	May 11, 2023	2-4 PM	<i>Virtual Meeting - Link at https://www.spcregion.org/events/</i>
Washington County	May 15, 2023	3-5 PM	<i>Courthouse Square Building, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 103/104 Washington, PA 15301</i>
Indiana County	May 18, 2023	3-5 PM	<i>PA CareerLink Building, 300 Indian Springs Rd, Indiana, PA 15701</i>
Lawrence County	May 22, 2023	11:30-1 PM	<i>Hutchison Community Center Pearson Park Drive Neshannock Township, PA 16105</i>
Armstrong County	May 23, 2023	3-5 PM	<i>Butler Community College (BC3), 1100 4th Avenue Ford City, PA 16226</i>
The City of Pittsburgh	May 25, 2023	5:30 - 7:30 PM	<i>Virtual Meeting - Link at https://www.spcregion.org/events/</i>
Westmoreland County	May 30, 2023	5-7 PM	<i>Westmoreland County Courthouse, Public Meeting Room, 2 N Main Street Greensburg, PA 15601</i>
Fayette County	May 31, 2023	5:30-7:30 PM	<i>2 W Main Street (Formerly the Gallatin Bank Building), Uniontown, PA 15401</i>
Greene County	June 1, 2023	5-7 PM	<i>Greene County Career and Technology Center, 60 Zimmerman Drive Waynesburg, PA 15370</i>
Butler County	June 6, 2023	5-6:30 PM	<i>Virtual Meeting - Link at https://www.spcregion.org/events/</i>
Allegheny County	June 8, 2023	6-7:30 PM	<i>Virtual Meeting - Link at https://www.spcregion.org/events/</i>

Comments on the draft documents will be accepted by SPC representatives at any meeting. Written comments may also be submitted online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPC_Public_Input, emailed to comments@spcregion.org, mailed to **SPC Comments at PO Box 101429, Pittsburgh, PA 15237** or faxed to **(412) 391-9160**.

All comments must be received by Friday, June 9th at 4 P.M.

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is committed to compliance with nondiscrimination requirements of civil rights statutes, executive orders, regulations and policies applicable to the programs and activities it administers. Accordingly, SPC is committed to ensuring that program beneficiaries receive public participation opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or economic status. Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities and the locations are reachable by public transit. SPC will provide auxiliary services for individuals with language, speech, sight or hearing needs, provided the request for assistance is made 3 days prior to the meeting. SPC will attempt to satisfy requests made with less than 3 days notice as resources allow. Please make your request for auxiliary services to Ronda Craig at (412) 391-5590, Ext. 0372, or rcraig@spcregion.org. If you believe you have been denied participation opportunities, or otherwise discriminated against in relation to the programs or activities administered by SPC, you may file a complaint using the procedures provided in our complaint process document or by contacting SPC's Title VI Coordinator by calling (412) 391-5590. For more information, or to obtain a Title VI Discrimination Complaint Form, please see our website at: www.spcregion.org or call 412-391-5590.

TRANSIT SERVICE INFORMATION - For information regarding transit services in Allegheny County, please call Pittsburgh Regional Transit Customer Service at 412-442-2000. For transit information in other counties, please visit: www.commuterinfo.org/comm_trans.shtml or call 1-888-819-6110.

This notice satisfies the program of projects requirements of the Urbanized Area Formula Program of the Federal Transit Administration for Beaver County Transit Authority, Butler Transit Authority, Fayette Area Coordinated Transit, Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority, Port Authority of Allegheny County, Washington County Transportation Authority, Westmoreland County Transit Authority, SPC, and CommuteInfo, a program of the SPC.

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Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission to Host...

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission to Host Public Meeting in Effort to Gather Feedback from Beaver County Residents on Local Transportation and Infrastructure Issues

MAY 10, 2023



As part of the region's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) that the [Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission \(SPC\)](#) manages, the organization is hosting a public meeting for Beaver County residents on Thursday, May 11, so they can provide their opinions on local, long-term transportation and infrastructure challenges.

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The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission is the region's designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and works closely with the ten counties, including Beaver County, located in Southwestern Pennsylvania. In June 2019, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission adopted the region's official long-range transportation plan called *SmartMoves for a Changing Region*, which included over \$35 billion for the region's transportation priorities over 25 years. As part of the organization's efforts to periodically update the plan, it hosts meetings for the public to learn about our region's long-term transportation and infrastructure challenges and provide their opinions on these issues.

If a member of the public is not able to attend the meeting, but would still like to provide their opinion on a transportation and/or infrastructure issue that they would like to see addressed, they are invited to submit their comments during the public comment period which runs from May 11-June 9. Members of the public can submit their comments by email at comments@spcregion.org, completing an online [form](#), by fax at 412-391-9160, or mailing comments to Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's address at PO Box 101429, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

WHEN:

Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 2 p.m.

WHO:

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission staff members

Beaver County officials

PennDOT representatives

WHERE:

Virtual (click the link below to access the meeting)

<https://spcregion.webex.com/spcregion/j.php?MTID=mc0b999ea1c4abb6d0ba16a29b111aa96>

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Beaver County comments sought on infrastructure projects



Garret Roberts

Beaver County Times

Published 3:39 p.m. ET May 8, 2023 | Updated 9:49 a.m. ET May 11, 2023

PITTSBURGH – Residents of Beaver County will be able to have their voices heard this week as one local commission opens the comment period for infrastructure projects in the area.

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) has announced that they will hold a virtual meeting for county residents to have their comments heard on local transportation and infrastructure improvement projects at 2 p.m. Thursday. Residents can access the meeting at <https://www.spcregion.org/events/public-participation-panel-beaver-county/> during the scheduled time to offer their feedback.

The comment period, which is a part of the region's Long-Range Transportation Plan, will serve as a way to gain residents' input and adjust certain parts of the \$35 billion infrastructure plan that will continue to make changes to some of the plans for Beaver County's roadways. The SPC has held similar events over the past year as well, offering some suggestions for local projects and transportation improvements.

If residents are unable to attend the meeting but still wish to provide opinions, the SPC is inviting the public to comment on potential infrastructure issues in writing from May 11 to June 9. According to the organization, comments can be submitted via email at comments@spcregion.org, completing an online form on their website, faxing their opinions to 412-391-9160 or by mailing comments to Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's address at PO Box 101429, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Ronda Craig

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Good morning all.

I hope you are having a wonderful week.

Attached is the social media toolkit materials for the upcoming, **June 6, Virtual**, Butler County Public Meeting on the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

You will find the instruction guide (PDF), the Word doc (contains the copy of draft posts), and the accompanying visuals (graphics). There are draft posts and visuals for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Please share the social media posts and let's have a well-attended and gather great feedback/comments/ideas/thoughts. 😊

Please let me know if you have any questions.
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Subject: ATTENTION PLEASE JOIN US TUESDAY JUNE 6 at 5:00 PM! The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and Butler County, Public Participation Panel will be hosting an informational VIRTUAL Public Meeting.

Location: Virtual and the meeting link is in the calendar invite

Start: Tue 6/6/2023 5:00 PM
End: Tue 6/6/2023 7:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Ronda Craig
Required Attendees: bschultz@weaverhomes.com; lshah@co.butler.pa.us; lucas.martsof@cranberrytownship.org; jordan@butlercountychamber.com; hessm93@live.com; abrookekerry@yahoo.com; prospectborobt@zoominternet.net; butlerfreeportrail@yahoo.com; jsaeler@butlercountycdc.com; rmanna@co.butler.pa.us; wcduncan@consolidated.net; wleslie@co.butler.pa.us; cmstowe@zoominternet.net; kboozel@co.butler.pa.us; kgeyer@co.butler.pa.us; jmackay@co.butler.pa.us; losche@co.butler.pa.us; 'RondaC354@gmail.com'; nleturgey@yourcapinfo.org; kevinhesidenz@gmail.com; shana.clancy@va.gov; tspropane@earthlink.net; bertmowry@gmail.com; n.wulff@zoominternet.net; pauld116@zoominternet.net; arailable@pa.gov; mmalloy@co.butler.pa.us; hswan@pa.gov; tnight@butlertwp.org; brgoetz@buncher.com; cweaver@weaverhomes.com; washington@zoominternet.net; ssholes@co.butler.pa.us; mgordon@co.butler.pa.us; michael@butlerairport.com; secretary@worthtwp.org; briallen@pa.gov

Optional Attendees: Hammond, Alice M

Good Afternoon Butler County Panelist!

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and Butler County, Public Participation Panel will be hosting an informational **VIRTUAL** Public Meeting, **Tuesday June 6, 2023, starting at 5:00 pm**. This meeting will begin with a short presentation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's Long-Range Transportation Plan. The meeting will be held virtually on WebEx and can be accessed using the link and information at the end of this email.

The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is currently being updated for 2023, and this meeting will serve as your opportunity to provide your thoughts, comments and feedback, during our formal open comment period (May 11-June 9, 2023, before a draft LRTP is submitted for adoption on June 26, 2023. Members of PennDOT, SPC, the County and transit representatives will be available to answer questions pertaining to specific transportation projects and infrastructure planning.

Thank you for your commitment to planning initiatives in Butler County. Please help in forwarding on this **'Save the Date'** to other community and county members who could benefit in attending the meeting.

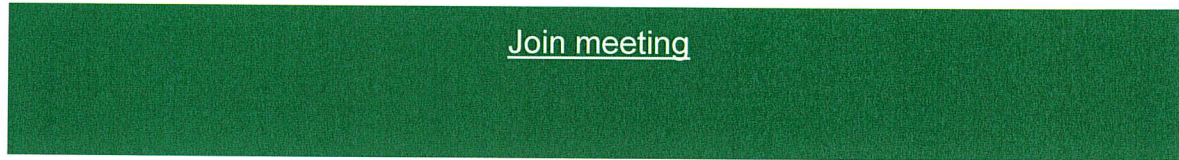
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Listed below is the link to **Tuesday, June 6, 2023 Virtual Public Participation Panel Meeting.**

Webex SPC2 is inviting you to a scheduled Webex meeting.

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

5:00 PM | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada) | 2 hrs



More ways to join:

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Dial [23354782295@spcregion.webex.com](tel:23354782295)

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

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Butler County Virtual Public Meeting June 6, 2023 Chat Box Comment	Time	First/Last Name	Contents
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Link for your County's FB Event

<https://fb.me/e/47tNKpGRW>

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June 6

Virtual Meeting
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Long Range Transportation Plan: Smart Moves for a Changing Region

Butler County

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John J. Bench, left, goes over the settlement plan with Middlesex Township board of supervisors chairman Michael Spreng and supervisor Donald P. Marshall.

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Decade-old Middlesex land dispute resolved

Parties agree to split parcel down middle

By William Pitts
Eagle Staff Writer

MIDDLESEX TWP — A land dispute in the township which dates back to 2013 ended rather anticlimactically Wednesday afternoon.

At a work session, the board of supervisors finalized a settlement which finally ended a decade-long dispute between the Tisdale family, Craig Pracht, and Jeff Bonifate over ownership of a strip of land along Ferguson Lane.

"It's all done now," said board of supervisors chairman Michael Spreng. "Everybody agreed to the plan, so it's all good. It's all done and over."

As part of the settlement, Bonifate and Pracht got what they wanted all along, with the disputed land split right down the middle. Certain easements also have been granted by each side to the other.

"They divided the right of way," Spreng said. "They added a right of way to the existing property, and that's all there is to it." The land in question is 50 feet by 400 feet.

According to attorney John J. Bench, who represented the Tisdales in the final stages of the case, the agreement will become official when the deeds are registered.

"The parties did reach an agreement on ownership of the land and who has right of access over the land, and the final step in that settlement is the subdivision plan that the supervisors approved today," Bench said.

The roots of the dispute date roughly six decades ago, when the original owner of the land surrounding Ferguson Road subdivided it, intending for the then-private road to become a public road. However, for whatever reason, the township never adopted it.

Further complicating matters, no one officially

owned the surrounding parcel of land since the township lost official claim to it back in 1980.

The dispute really began in 2013, when Bonifate and Pracht went before the township board of supervisors and asked it to close the end of adjoining Oakwood Drive to prevent unlicensed vehicles from accessing their property from the Tisdale property. At the time, Bonifate and Tisdale were arguing over who had the right to cut grass on that tract of land.

After the township told Bonifate and Pracht there was nothing they could do, the two sued the Tisdales, who claimed that the disputed land belonged to them under a state code that says untitled land belongs to the property owner who uses it after 21 years — otherwise known as "adverse possession."

Bonifate and Pracht asked for the tract to be divided lengthwise in half, with 25 feet going to the Tisdales to the north, and 25 feet going to the Bonifates and Prachts to the south.

A "tentative" settlement was reached in January 2018. However, this didn't last long, as according to court documents, both the Tisdale family and Middlesex Township "refused to memorialize and proceed forward with their end of the existing agreement unless matters

outside the existing agreement were included in the formal memorialization."

Throughout the dispute, Bonifate and Pracht had the tract of land blocked off completely, surrounding it with chains and yellow posts, allowing the Tisdales access only to check their mail. Bonifate also took action to surround the property with surveillance cameras, and alleged that the Tisdales were caught violating the terms of the tentative agreement on-camera at least 50 times.

The case lasted for so long that both sides repeatedly cycled through legal representation. Bench was the third attorney to represent the Tisdales, after their previous lawyer, Doug Linn, passed away.

According to Bench, the dispute ended with more of a whimper than a bang. Judge S. Michael Yeager's replacement, Judge Kenneth Valasek of Armstrong County, led both sides in renegotiating a final settlement in late 2021, a process which finally bore fruit more than a year later.

There was no singular moment that led both sides to seek peace and end the decade-long conflict. "As you get closer to trial, both sides naturally try to find a solution that is beneficial to all," said Bench.

Knoch proposes school budget

By William Pitts
Eagle Staff Writer

SAXONBURG — Knoch School District business manager Jamie Van Lenten presented a preliminary version of the district's proposed 2023-24 fiscal year spending plan at Wednesday night's school board work session.

The preliminary budget will be voted on at the regular school board meeting Wednesday.

Expenditures in the preliminary 2023-24 budget amount to \$38,457,999, up from \$38,291,073 in this year's finalized budget. Meanwhile, revenue in the preliminary budget comes out to \$38,407,191, up from \$37,651,537 from 2022-23.

Knoch projects it will finish the 2022-23 school year with a deficit of \$639,485.

Forty-two percent of revenue in the proposed 2023-24 budget is projected to come from real estate taxes, with another 23% coming from the state's Basic Education Funding subsidy.

There are no plans for Knoch to increase the tax rate in the school district,

which will stay at 94.275 mills, as it has since 2018.

Among the district's financial goals for the next school year are to staff its full-day kindergarten program which will begin next fall, as well as "maintain current programs" and "re-purpose staff based on the needs of students".

All school districts in Pennsylvania must adopt a final budget for the upcoming school year by June 30.

Social media lawsuit

Later during the meeting, district superintendent David Foley announced the district will vote next week on whether to join other Western Pennsylvania school districts in a growing lawsuit against big social media companies, including the owners of Facebook, Twitter, and TikTok.

The Seneca Valley, Mars Area and Moniteau school districts also are joining the suit against the social media companies. They are being represented by attorney Tom King of the law firm Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham LLP.

"The school district's

concerned with the health, safety, and welfare of our students," Foley said. "Social media has been a challenge, with students bullying students ... and it's become disruptive to the educational process."

If Knoch chooses to go ahead with the lawsuit, its decision will not be without precedent. According to Foley, Knoch has received \$37,000 from the settlement of a similar class-action lawsuit against e-cigarette manufacturer Juul, who agreed to pay \$38.8 million in December to settle a state of Pennsylvania lawsuit.

Knoch's decision will be made at next Wednesday's regular meeting.

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All interested citizens are invited to submit comments by May 25, 2023, to DON Enterprises, Inc., 101 S. Mercer St., Suite 104, New Castle, PA 16101.

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SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC MEETINGS



The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is seeking input from the public on the following important draft documents:

- *SmartMoves for a Changing Region* transportation and development plan, which identifies the region's priority roadway, transit and multimodal transportation improvements programmed for advancement over the next 25-30 years
- Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment of Smart Moves for a Changing Region
- Air Quality Conformity Determination for *SmartMoves for a Changing Region*

Beginning May 11, 2023, these draft documents will be available for public review at www.spcregion.org, the City of Pittsburgh's Department of City Planning, County Planning Departments, and many public libraries throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania.

SPC's Public Participation Panels encourage you to attend a public meeting to learn more about the draft documents. Meetings will be open house in format. There will be opportunities to look at maps, talk to representatives from SPC, PennDOT, transit operators, and planning departments, ask questions, and submit comments.

Beaver County	May 11, 2023	2-4 PM	<i>Virtual Meeting - Link at https://www.spcregion.org/events/</i>
Washington County	May 15, 2023	3-5 PM	<i>Courthouse Square Building, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 103/104 Washington, PA 15301</i>
Indiana County	May 18, 2023	3-5 PM	<i>PA CareerLink Building, 300 Indian Springs Rd, Indiana, PA 15701</i>
Lawrence County	May 22, 2023	11:30-1 PM	<i>Hutchison Community Center Pearson Park Drive Neshannock Township, PA 16105</i>
Armstrong County	May 23, 2023	3-5 PM	<i>Butler Community College (BC3), 1100 4th Avenue Ford City, PA 16226</i>
The City of Pittsburgh	May 25, 2023	5:30 - 7:30 PM	<i>Virtual Meeting - Link at https://www.spcregion.org/events/</i>
Westmoreland County	May 30, 2023	5-7 PM	<i>Westmoreland County Courthouse, Public Meeting Room, 2 N Main Street Greensburg, PA 15601</i>
Fayette County	May 31, 2023	5:30-7:30 PM	<i>2 W Main Street (Formerly the Gallatin Bank Building), Uniontown, PA 15401</i>
Greene County	June 1, 2023	5-7 PM	<i>Greene County Career and Technology Center, 60 Zimmerman Drive Waynesburg, PA 15370</i>
Butler County	June 6, 2023	5-6:30 PM	<i>Virtual Meeting - Link at https://www.spcregion.org/events/</i>
Allegheny County	June 8, 2023	6-7:30 PM	<i>Virtual Meeting - Link at https://www.spcregion.org/events/</i>

Comments on the draft documents will be accepted by SPC representatives at any meeting. Written comments may also be submitted online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPC_Public_Input, emailed to comments@spcregion.org, mailed to **SPC Comments at PO Box 101429, Pittsburgh, PA 15237** or faxed to **(412) 391-9160**.

All comments must be received by Friday, June 9th at 4 P.M.

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LOCAL

Portersville Bridge replacement to begin May 15

Beginning at 8 p.m. May 15 and nightly through May 20, crews will be erecting bridge beams for the new Portersville Bridge.

A news release from the state Department of Transportation said drivers are reminded that traffic on State Route 488 will be reduced to a single lane with flagging during operations during construction.

Following the May 15 through 20 detour, two-lane traffic on State Route 488 will resume.

The anticipated completion date for the \$6.3 million bridge replacement project is June, 2024. The existing bridge will be replaced with a two-span, steel bridge.

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Subject: ATTENTION-Social Media Toolkit Materials for the Upcoming, May 25 , virtual, The City of Pittsburgh Public Meeting on the Long-Range Transportation Plan
Attachments: City of Pgh - Social Media Toolkit - PPP Meetings.docx; Social Media ToolKit Instruction Guide for CityPgh- PD10154_PPP.pdf; SocialMediaGraphic_FBStory2.jpg; SocialMediaGraphic_Linkedin.jpg; SocialMediaGraphic_Post.jpg; SocialMediaGraphic_Post2.jpg; SocialMediaGraphic_FBEvent.jpg; SocialMediaGraphic_FBStory.jpg

Good afternoon all.

I hope everyone is having a wonderful week.

Attached is the social media toolkit materials for the upcoming, **May 25, virtual**, The City of Pittsburgh Public Meeting on the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

You will find the instruction guide (PDF), the Word doc (contains the copy of draft posts), and the accompanying visuals (graphics). There are draft posts and visuals for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ronda



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Subject: FW: ATTENTION SAVE THE DATE, The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and The City of Pittsburgh Public Participation Panel will be hosting an informational VIRTUAL Public Meeting, Thursday May 25, 2023, starting at 5:30 pm

Location: VIRTUAL Public Meeting and the link is in the calendar invite

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Cc: Sharrard, Aurora; Porter, Erik; Bergamasco, Jordan

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When: Thursday, May 25, 2023 5:30 PM-7:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

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Good morning City of Pittsburgh Panelist!

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and The City of Pittsburgh Public Participation Panel will be hosting an informational **VIRTUAL** Public Meeting, **Thursday May 25, 2023, starting at 5:30 pm**. This meeting will begin with a short presentation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's Long-Range Transportation Plan. The meeting will be held virtually on WebEx and can be accessed using the link and information at the end of this email.

The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is currently being updated for 2023, and this meeting will serve as your opportunity to provide your thoughts, comments and feedback, during our formal open comment period (May 11-June 9, 2023), before a draft LRTP is submitted for adoption on June 26, 2023. Members of PennDOT, SPC, the County and transit representatives will be available to answer questions pertaining to specific transportation projects and infrastructure planning.

Thank you for your commitment to planning initiatives in The City of Pittsburgh. Please help in forwarding on this **'Save the Date'** to other community and county members who could benefit in attending the meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ronda Craig, SPC Public Involvement Coordinator, at 724-762-2569 or rcraig@spcregion.org. ☺

Have a great day.

Ronda Craig



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Listed below is the link to **Thursday, May 25, 2023 Virtual Public Participation Panel Meeting.**

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public	5/25/2023	Dave Totten, spc	Sorry, everyone. I will relay the question to our staff of will the slide deck be made available after the
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public	5/25/2023	Ronda Craig	The recording can be found on our YouTube Channel
public	5/25/2023	Scott Bricker	1. 1% going to new capacity is laudable, but why can't we make it zero? We need as much funding as possible going to fix-it first and expanding mobility choice (transit, biking, walkng). 2. How do we make sure TIP projects align with the LRTP? What is the process to make sure there's conformity between short term TIP projects and the LRTP? 3. Mitigating Climate Change is a focus of the last LRTP and will be in this one. How is SPC thinking about transporation project funding to benefit the climate? 4. Equity is a focus of the LRTP (great!), transportation is the second highest cost for
public	5/25/2023	Morgan Shaw he/him	Will future projects include future required maintenance in their budgeting projections? How will
public	5/25/2023	Angela Martinez	what area of the plan should we look at for details on
public	5/25/2023	Morgan Shaw he/him	Why is future required maintenance not included in our road infrastructure budgeting? Considering these roads are future liabilities, as we continually find out
public	5/25/2023	Gavin White	How do you distinguish between minor and major
public	5/25/2023	Scott Bricker	Thank you for your answers. Part of this process is about envisioning a region that works better for more people. Our region is very car dependent and that's of course because of past land use decisions. My questions, at the heart, are about reimagining the
public	5/25/2023	Catherine Tulley SPC	Our draft Smart Moves plan documents are available here, including the appendices: https://www.spcregion.org/programs-
public	5/25/2023	Aftyn	if you have project recommendations how do we
public	5/25/2023	Catherine Tulley SPC	https://www.spcregion.org/contact/
public	5/26/2023	Thomas Klevan	thanks everyone for participating!

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Good morning,

Thank you so much for participating in the City of Pittsburgh Public meeting on Thursday, May 25. It was great to see everyone virtually.

Awesome Turnout! Thank You everyone who made Thursday successful. Thank You Panelist for your time and participation 🙏👏.

Attached is the Long Range Transportation Plan presentation.

Below you will find links from the Executive Summary, Draft Plan, Story Map and Appendix IV Project Currently, and submit your public comments by June 9.

Here are the links for the Long-Range Transportation Executive Summary [PD10155 Executive-Summary.pdf \(spcregion.org\)](#)

The Long-Range Transportation Draft plan [SmartMoves-LRTP.pdf \(spcregion.org\)](#).

The SmartMoves Story Map [SmartMoves for a Changing Region Transportation Investments \(arcgis.com\)](#).

Appendix IV: Regional Vision List for Southwestern Pennsylvania-Revenues and Projects Currently Within Fiscal Capacity [Appendix-IV-1-FINAL-DRAFT-Combined-Files-5.8.23.pdf \(spcregion.org\)](#)

The public comment period is **May 11-June 9, 2023**. There are a variety of ways to provide your comments and feedback.

Please click the link [SPC Public Input Form Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#) or submit your comments, thoughts, ideas or concerns to comments@spcregion.org.

Have a great Day!

Ronda



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Social Media Toolkit: *Promoting the Upcoming Public Meeting/Public Comment Period on the Long-Range Transportation Plan*

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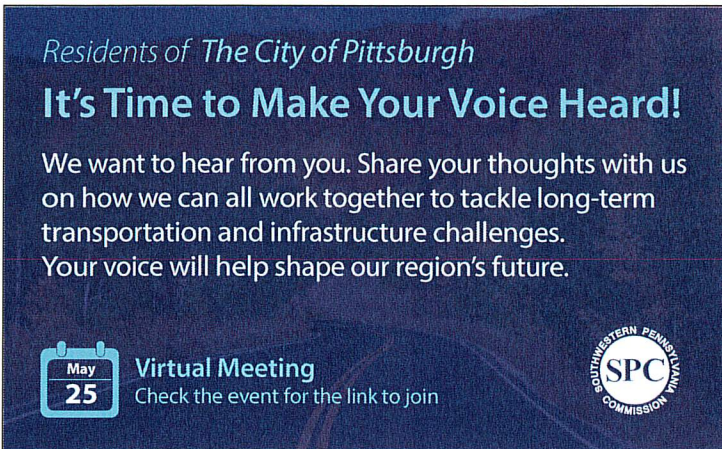
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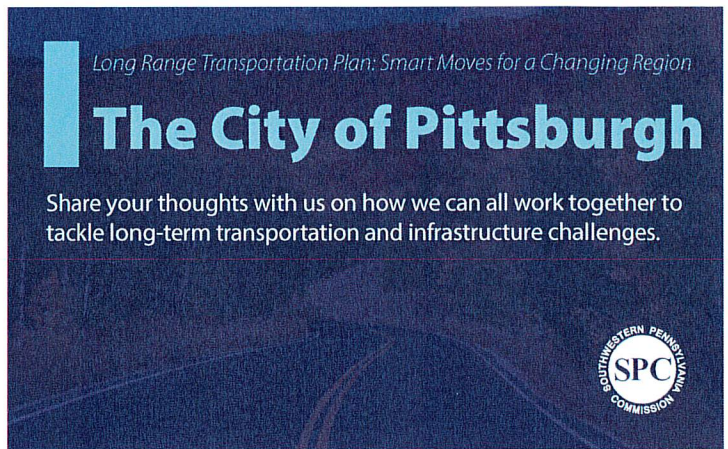
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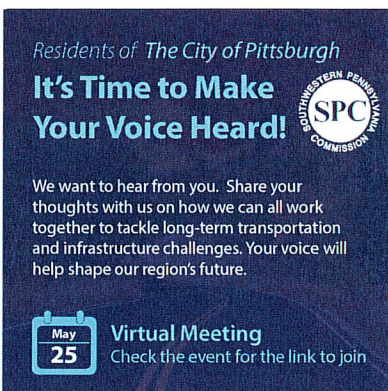
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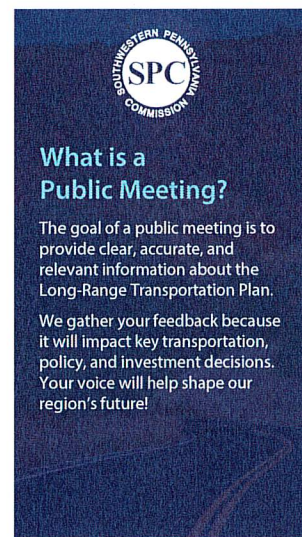
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Ronda Craig

From: Ronda Craig
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 6:47 PM
To: dschiffbauer@fayettepa.org; jershaneyf@pa.gov; rduda@pa.gov; ansaunders@pa.gov; connellsvillecityclerk@gmail.com; alan@mountaincreekproperties.com; utmayorgerke@gmail.com; whughes1040@msn.com; rosejuliebo@yahoo.com; jimmarmol@k2engineering.net; mrafail@fayettepa.org; jamesg@faypenn.org; mover@fayettepa.org; tnedrow@fayettepa.org; afrench@racfpa.org; bryan@kaacpa.com; danakendrick@k2engineering.net; jmedwards@zoominternet.net; mnuttall@fayettechamber.com; tstenson@mcmilleng.com; acappella@fayettepa.org; vvicites@fayettepa.org; dlohr@fayettepa.org; drhodes@fayettepa.org; sdunn@fayettepa.org; wkovach@pa.gov; sharvey@fayettepa.org; rdutko@hs.fayette.org; rlesnick@gmail.com; talkington.bill@gmail.com
Subject: ATTENTION PLEASE SHARE Social Media Toolkit for May 31, 2023 Fayette County In Person Public Meeting
Attachments: Draft Posts - Fayette County - PPP Meetings.docx; Social Media ToolKit Instruction Guide for Fayette County - PD10154_PPP.pdf; socialmediagraphic_Linkedin.jpg; socialmediagraphic_Post.jpg; socialmediagraphic_Post2.jpg; socialmediagraphic_FBEvent.jpg; socialmediagraphic_FBStory.jpg; socialmediagraphic_FBStory2.jpg
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good afternoon all.

I hope you are having a wonderful start to your week.

Attached is the social media toolkit materials for the upcoming, May 31, in person Fayette County Public Meeting on the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

You will find the instruction guide (PDF), the Word doc (contains the copy of draft posts), and the accompanying visuals (graphics). There are draft posts and visuals for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ronda



Ronda Craig

Public Involvement Coordinator

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission

rcraig@spcregion.org

724-762-2569—cell

Ronda Craig

Subject: ATTENTION! REMINDER TO PLEASE JOIN US! The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and Fayette County Public Participation Panel will host an informational Public meeting and open house, Wednesday May 31, 2023 5:30 to 7:30

Location: 2 W Main Steet Uniontown Formerly the Gallatin Bank Building

Start: Wed 5/31/2023 5:30 PM
End: Wed 5/31/2023 7:30 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Ronda Craig

Required Attendees: 'dschiffbauer@fayettepa.org'; 'jershaneyf@pa.gov'; 'rduda@pa.gov'; 'connellsvillecityclerk@gmail.com'; 'alan@mountaincreekproperties.com'; 'utmayorgerke@gmail.com'; 'whughes1040@msn.com'; 'rosejuliebo@yahoo.com'; 'jimarmol@k2engineering.net'; 'mrafail@fayettepa.org'; 'jamesg@faypenn.org'; 'mover@fayettepa.org'; 'tnedrow@fayettepa.org'; 'afrench@racfpa.org'; 'bryan@kaacpa.com'; 'danakendrick@k2engineering.net'; 'jmedwards@zoominternet.net'; 'mnutall@fayettechamber.com'; 'tstenson@mcmilleng.com'; 'acappella@fayettepa.org'; 'vvcites@fayettepa.org'; 'dlohr@fayettepa.org'; 'drhodes@fayettepa.org'; 'ansaunders@pa.us'; 'sdunn@fayettepa.org'; 'wkovach@pa.gov'; 'sharvey@fayettepa.org'; 'rdutko@hs.fayette.org'; 'rlesnick@gmail.com'; 'talkington.bill@gmail.com'; DJ Ryan; jtheakston@pa.gov

Optional Attendees: Andy Waple; Caitlin O'Connor; Domenic D'Andrea; Jennifer Lasser; Ryan Gordon; Tiffany Cummings; ansaunders@pa.gov

Good Morning Fayette County Panelist!

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Thank you for your commitment to planning initiatives in Fayette County. Please help in forwarding on this message to other county and community members who could benefit in attending the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ronda Craig, SPC Public Involvement Coordinator, at 724-762-2569. 😊

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Ronda

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Subject: A HUGE THANK YOU for attending the Fayette County Public meeting. Please see ALL the Information from the meeting is attached. PLEASE REMEMBER PUBLIC COMMENTS OPEN UNTIL JUNE 9, 2023.
Attachments: 5-31-23_FACO_LRTP_Slides_FINAL_DRAFT_5-31-23.pdf; IMG_0159.jpg

Good afternoon,

Thank you so much for participating in the Fayette County Public meeting on Wednesday, May 31. It was great to meet in person and place a face to a name.

Awesome Turnout! Thank You Commissioners and staff, Fayette County Planning Office and everyone who made Wednesday success possible. Thank You Panelist for your participation and those new faces for coming out 🙌👏.

Attached is the Long Range Transportation Plan presentation and a photo from the Public meeting.

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Fayette County

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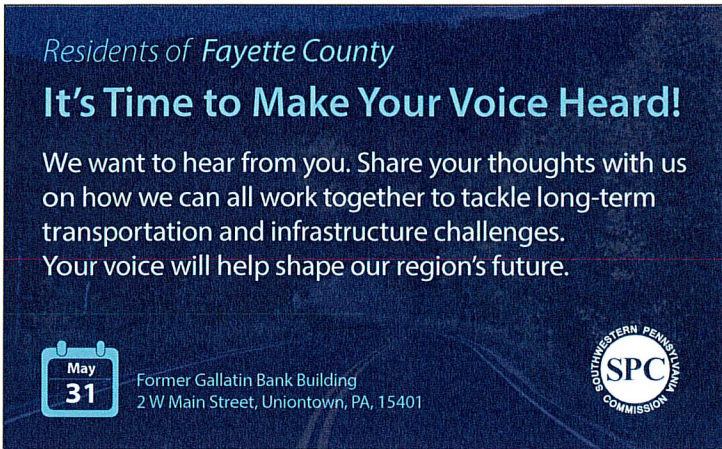
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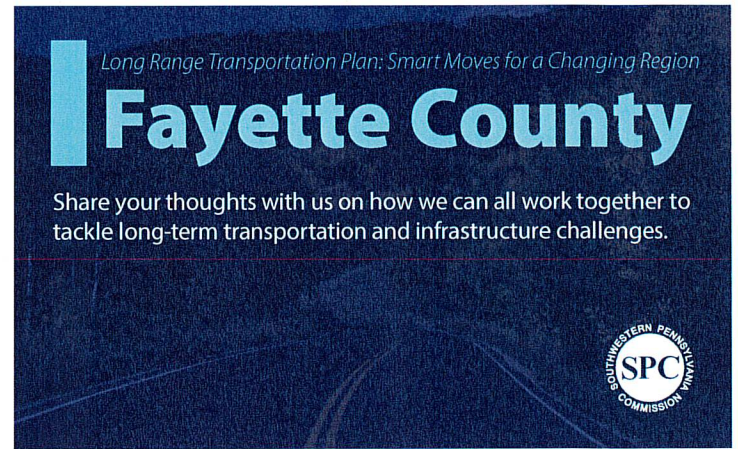
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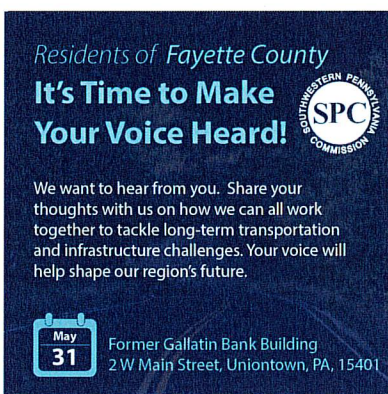
Facebook Event Cover Photo - Ratio 2:1 (FB Event will be posted on SPC's Page)



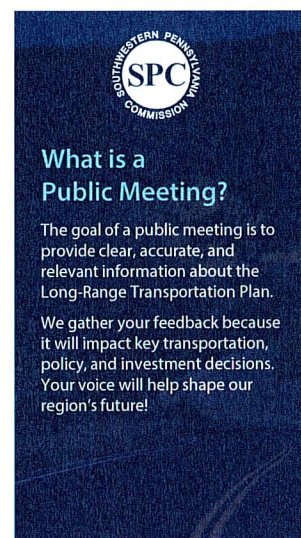
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Ronda Craig

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Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2023 8:58 AM
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Subject: ATTENTION PLEASE SHARE Social Media Toolkit for the June 1, 2023 Greene County Public Meeting starting at 5:00 pm
Attachments: Draft Posts -Greene County - PPP Meetings.docx; Social Media ToolKit Instruction Guide for Greene County - PD10154_PPP.pdf; SocialMediaGraphic_FBStory2.jpg; SocialMediaGraphic_Linkedin.jpg; SocialMediaGraphic_Post.jpg; SocialMediaGraphic_Post2.jpg; SocialMediaGraphic_FBEvent.jpg; SocialMediaGraphic_FBStory.jpg

Good morning all.

I hope you are having a wonderful week.

Attached is the social media toolkit materials for the upcoming, **June 1, In Person**, Greene County Public Meeting on the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ronda

Ronda Craig

Subject: ATTENTION! REMINDER TO PLEASE JOIN US! The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and Greene County, Public Participation Panel will host an informational Public meeting and open house, Thursday June 1, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Greene County Career and Technology Center, 60 Zimmerman Drive, Waynesburg

Start: Thu 6/1/2023 5:00 PM
End: Thu 6/1/2023 7:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Ronda Craig
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Optional Attendees: Benjamin Brown

Good Morning Greene County Panelist!

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Have a great weekend!

Ronda



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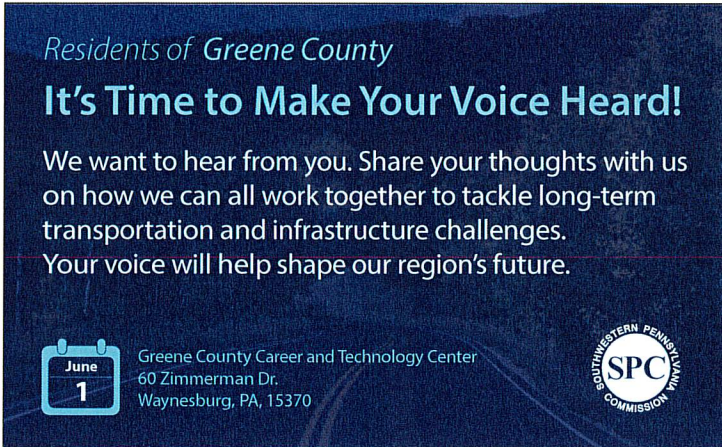
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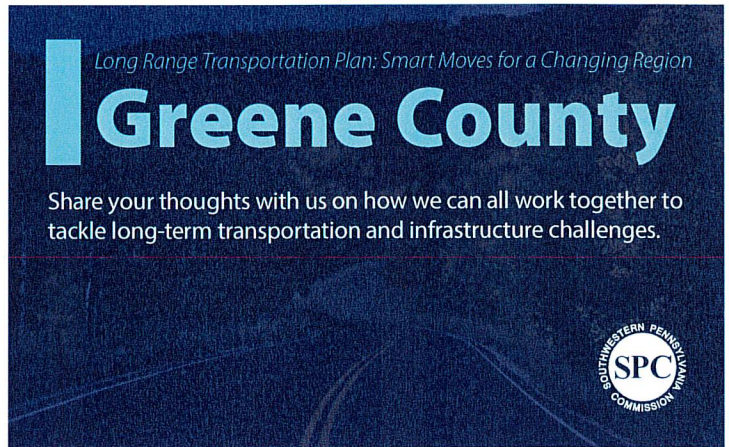
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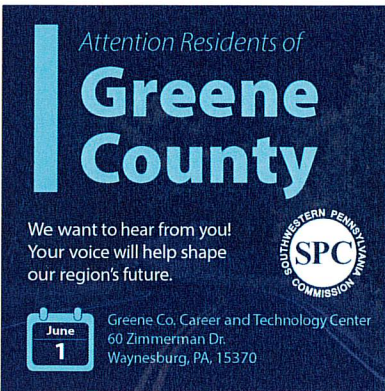
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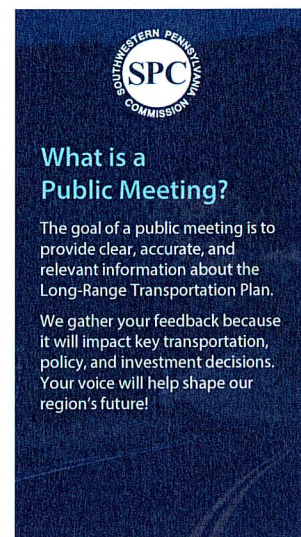
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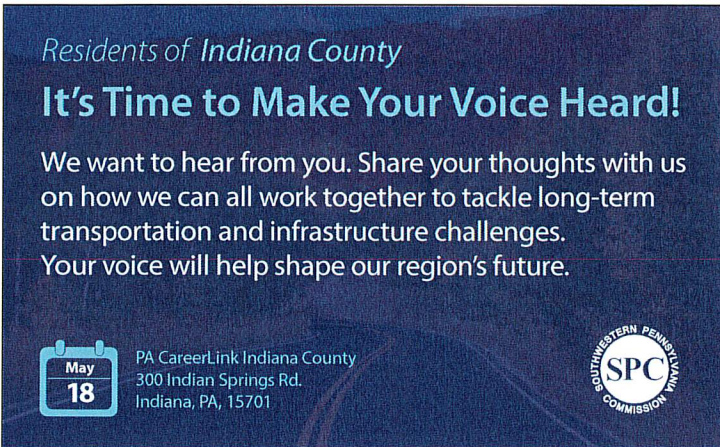
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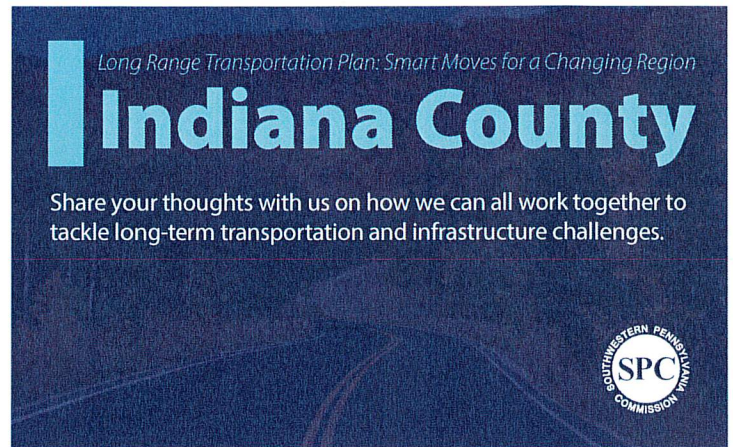
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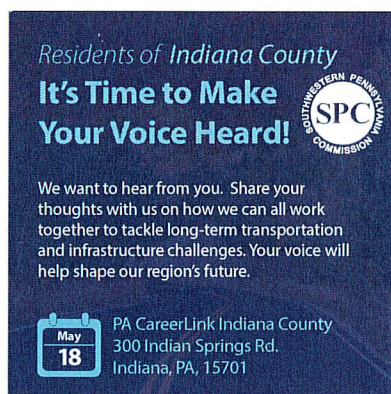
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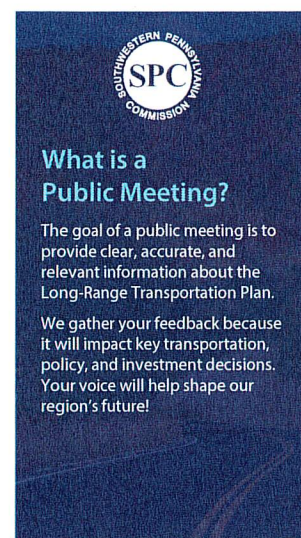
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Regional transportation, infrastructure needs discussed by SPC

By PATRICK CLOONAN pcloonan@indianagazette.net
May 19, 2023



Indiana County Office of Planning & Development Executive Director Byron G. Stauffer Jr. opened a Thursday public meeting at PA CareerLink in White Township conducted by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission to gather feedback from area residents about long-term local transportation and infrastructure challenges. Seated at left is Ryan Gordon, SPC's manager of Transportation Program Development.

PATRICK CLOONAN/Gazette

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission is in the homestretch of developing its new
Transportation Plan that would update its 2019 "SmartMoves for a Changing I



As adopted in June 2019, the SPC plan focused on more than \$35 billion in programs and projects for the 10-county region's transportation priorities over 25 years.

"We are thinking as a region, not just Indiana County," said Indiana County Office of Planning & Development Executive Director Byron G. Stauffer Jr., who started off a two-hour public meeting about that plan Thursday at the PA CareerLink offices in White Township.

It was one of a series of meetings being held across the southwest corner of the state by SPC, which also covers Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland counties, and the city of Pittsburgh.

As that plan is evolving toward approval next month, "there aren't a lot of big changes here," said Ryan Gordon, SPC's manager of Transportation Program Development.

However, there were two significant ones over the past four years, Gordon said — the COVID-19 pandemic, and the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, signed into law by President Biden in November 2021.

From Indiana County, SPC board members include Stauffer, Commissioners R. Michael Keith, Robin A. Gorman and Sherene Hess, and Indiana County Chamber of Commerce President Mark Hilliard. Hess also serves on the board of SPC's affiliate, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation.

There were questions from some among the approximately three dozen participants, on topics ranging from passenger rail service to Homer City, to upgrading state Route 286 between Clymer and U.S. Route 219 in Cambria County, to traffic signals in Indiana.

As Indiana Borough Council President Peter Broad said to a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation District 10 official in the audience, "I didn't get any sense that people were listening," as PennDOT took out the traffic signal on Philadelphia and 11th streets in downtown Indiana.

As PennDOT District 10 Planning and Program Manager Harold Swan insisted after the meeting, "we want to work in coordination with our municipalities."

While there has been a continuing emphasis on improving the U.S. Route 422 link between Indiana and the Route 28 interchange near Kittanning, some, including Keith, wondered about a similar improvement for state Route 286 in rural eastern Indiana and western Cambria counties.

“It is a key connection to (U.S. Route) 219 and (Interstate) 80,” said Indiana County Planning Commission member Laurie LaFontaine of White Township. “Once you leave Clymer, (286) is an awful road.”

Homer City Mayor Arlene Wanatosky brought up the railroad issue in light of the planned shutdown this summer of Homer City Generation L.P.’s power plant next door in Center Township.

“Are those tracks going to be maintained?” she asked.

Stauffer said it was too early to see what will unfold, but said efforts are being made to aid areas affected by the pending shutdown.

Wanatosky also suggested that those tracks could be used for passenger rail traffic, connecting Indiana County with the train service that goes through Greensburg.

The meeting also featured a slide presentation, that included projects that will be included in that long-range plan, such as:

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- U.S. Route 119 bridges over state Route 8001 (ramp to Business Route 422) and Hamill Road, both in White Township, as well as the Route 119 Indiana Bypass reconstruction, and Sullivan and Lutz School Road bridges.

- U.S. Route 422 bridges over Ben Franklin and Indian Springs roads and Old Route 119, all in White Township, as well as Route 422 between the Armstrong County line and the Indiana Bypass.
- U.S. Route 22 through Penn View, Blairsville and Armagh Bypass areas.
- Wayne Avenue safety project in the Indiana area.

There also was a summary of \$173.76 million in planned projects involving Indiana County Transit Authority, or IndiGO, including more than \$140 million for operations and maintenance, as well as funding for vehicles, bus stops and parking lots.

It was hardly a full listing — as was pointed out from the audience Thursday, one project not included is the widening of Oakland Avenue, a \$19.83 million project that is expected to continue through the end of this year.

SPC plans other meetings such as that for Indiana County, including gatherings on May 23 at Butler County Community College's Ford City campus, 1100 Fourth Ave., Ford City, for Armstrong County, and on May 30 for Westmoreland County in the Commissioners Public Meeting Room at the county courthouse along North Main Street in Greensburg.

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Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

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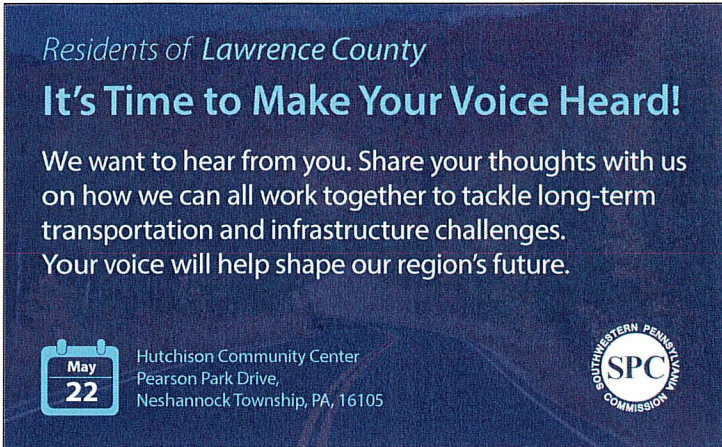
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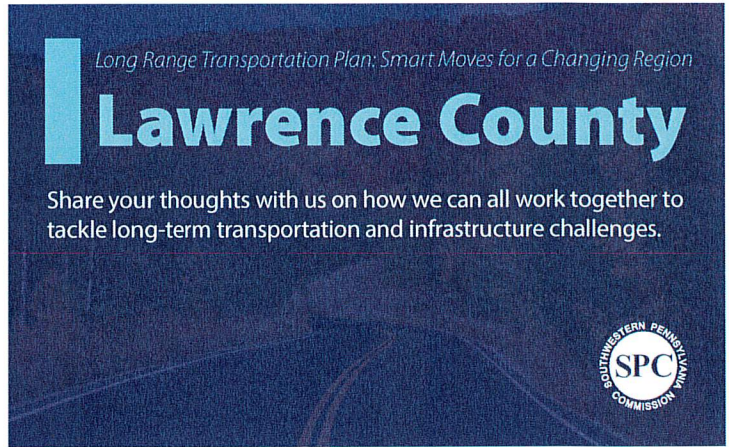
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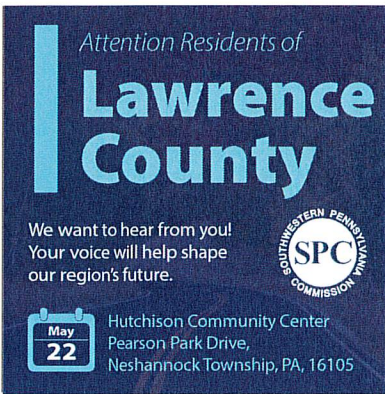
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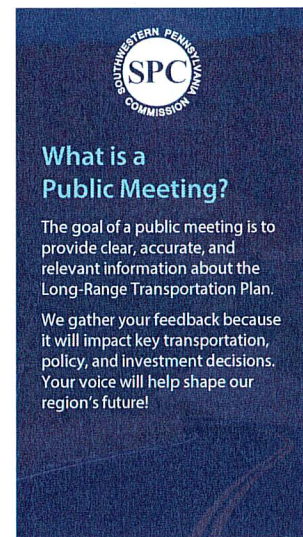
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Members of the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission, county officials and representatives of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation convened for a public meeting Monday to review the proposed, long-range transportation planning needs for the region.

The SPC officials, who hosted the meeting for public input, detailed long-range plans for Lawrence County's roads, bridges and multimodal transportation. Municipal and agency officials also attended the session at the Hutchison Community Center in Neshannock Township.

According to information presented, \$12.6 million has been committed to upgrade the entire stretch of Interstate 79 in Lawrence County, from the Butler County line to the Mercer County line.

The 16-mile section of Interstate 376, from Route 224 in Union Township to the Pennsylvania Turnpike in New Beaver Borough, also will be upgraded at a total cost of \$7.6 million.

Dominick D'Andrea, SPC's director of transportation, explained that the Transportation Improvement Plan is a four-year plan that is updated every two years. The long-range transportation plan looks ahead for 25 years and is upgraded every four years, he said.

"Public involvement is a key aspect" to the process, which focuses on investing and asset management with safety as the key, he said.

The current regional transportation improvement plan includes \$1.9 billion in funding; the long-range funding is \$10.78 billion through 2050, D'Andrea said.

The future investments in transportation planned in Lawrence County total \$265 million, including highway, bridge and transit projects, he said.

These Lawrence County projects are on the list for the transportation improvement plan:

- Route 18 over an abandoned plant access road
- Route 18 in the city of New Castle, road preservation
- Route 65/East Washington Street
- Route 422 in Pulaski Township
- Frew Mill Road Bridge replacement
- East Washington Street Bridge replacement
- Route 18 upgrade from Liberty Street to Jefferson Street
- South Main Street Bridge replacement
- Union Township sidewalk upgrades

Projects listed on the long-range plan are:

- Replacement of the Mahoning Avenue Viaduct
- Replacement of the Route 422 bridge over the Shenango River
- Road preservation on Route 422 from the Ohio Line to Interstate 376
- Route 422 East, from new Butler Road to Route 16, road preservation
- Route 19, road preservation
- Route 18, resurfacing from the Beaver County line to the Mahoning River

- Route 18, reconstruction on Jefferson Street and Wilmington Road

- Route 18, reconstruction of the Columbus Inner Belt.

New Castle Area Transit Authority projects also are listed for upgrades, according to the SPC officials.

They are:

- Expanding and upgrading the bus garage, at \$5.5 million

- Upgrades to the bus shelter, \$,250,000

- Route 422 park and ride lot upgrades, \$2.75 million.

Any member of the public who was unable to attend the meeting in-person, but would still like to provide input into the matters, is invited to submit their comments during the public comment period, through June 9. They can submit comments by email atcomments@spcregion.org, complete an online form, by fax at (412) 391-9160, or mail comments to Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's address at PO Box 101429, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

D'Andrea said the the plans are to be adopted at the commission's meeting in late June.

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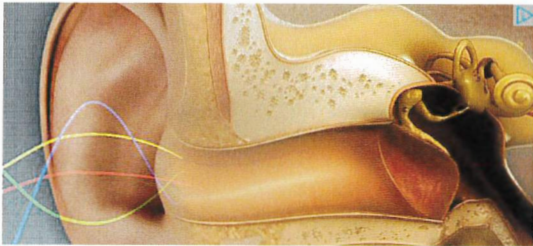
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Long term, the price tag is more than \$10 billion.

Police chase ends in crash in Lawrenceville,
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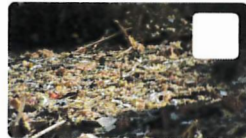
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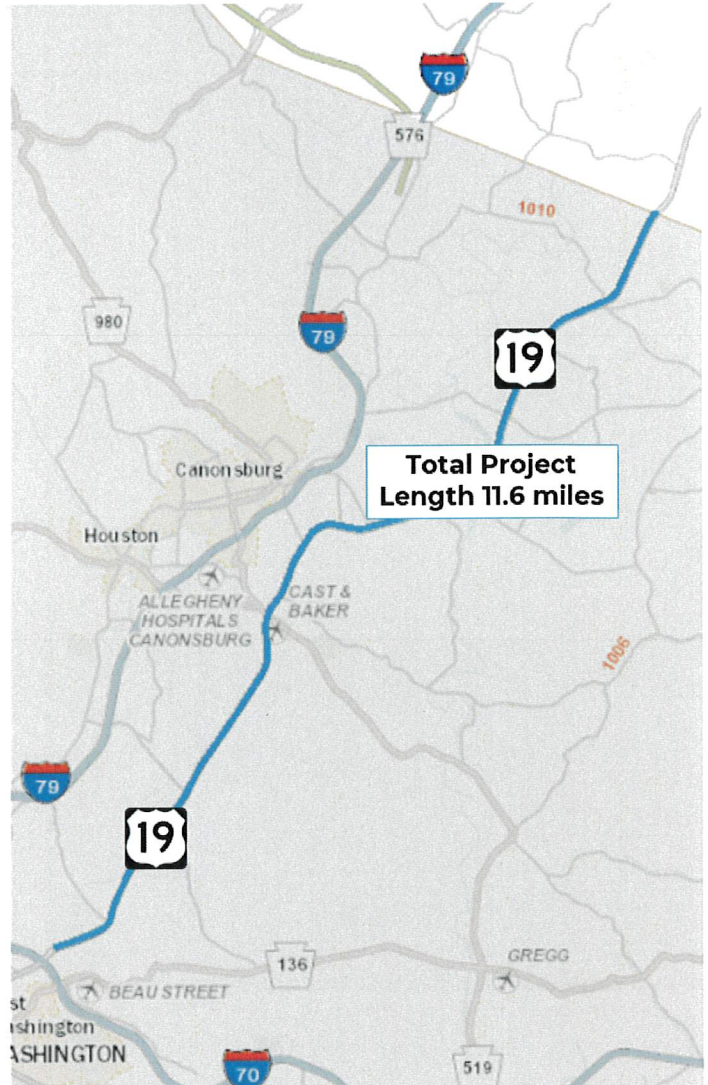
US 19 COORIDOR SIGNAL UPGRADES

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is to update the vehicle detection and signal equipment and institute an adaptive signal system through the US 19 corridor from the I-70/US 19 (DDI) Interchange to the Allegheny County Line in various municipalities in Washington County.

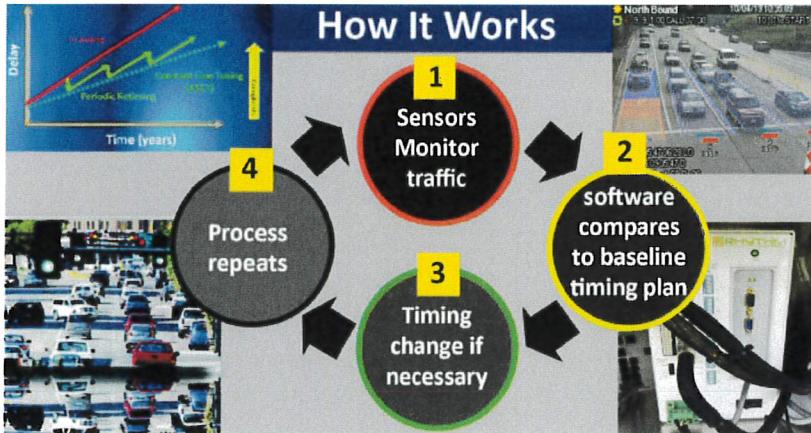
The project will cover 11.6 miles and span three different municipalities including South Strabane Township, North Strabane Township and Peters Township. The project limits begin at the Oak Spring Road intersection and ending at the Allegheny County. Due to the growth along this corridor, the possibility exists that other traffic signals could be added by developer or the municipalities during the project and will need to be included in the overall system of traffic signals.

The overall project goal will to be for development of a coordinated system of traffic signals to improve traffic flow along US 19. The use of an adaptive traffic signal system strongly considered. The project design, in coordination with the District Traffic Unit, will determine the extent of upgrades at each traffic signal. This can include minor updates or a full replacement of the traffic signal. For traffic signals being upgraded and not replaced, work includes but is not limited to new controller cabinets with GPS units and battery back-up, signal head replacement, lane use changes, pedestrian accommodations, modification, and/or addition of ADA/pedestrian facilities, signing upgrades, and other minor enhancements as required.



Benefits of Adaptive Signal Control Technology

- Adjusts timing in real time to accommodate traffic patterns
- Decreases wait time and delays at signalized intersections
- Reduces congestion by creating smoother traffic flow
- Increases safety by automatically adapting to unexpected changes in traffic conditions



Adaptive traffic signals use sensors to monitor directional traffic flow, vehicle delay, and queues. This information is used to calculate an optimized traffic signal timing plan. The adaptive algorithm shares the updated timing plan with the traffic signal controller. The optimization can occur as often as every second to schedule green time for waiting and approaching vehicles. Many choices of adaptive signal control

technology are available from vendors, each with unique optimization techniques achieving different success in various contexts. Adaptive is not a “one size fits all” technology. A systems engineering process is used to evaluate systems to determine which system(s) will meet the operational objectives at a particular location before installation.

PROJECT STATUS

The project is currently in Preliminary Engineering, and a let date will be established once the phase progresses.

PROJECT FUNDING

The project was awarded **\$2,726,525** in **federal** funding through SPC’s Competitive **CMAQ** (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Project) Program on the FFY 2023 SPC Transportation Improvement Program.

The District is partnering with the townships included in this project through **SPC’s SMART program**. An additional **\$1,000,000** was added to the project to complete necessary ADA and additional pedestrian upgrades. The overall Construction phase is anticipated at **\$4 million** which includes construction inspection.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (**BIL**) continues the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (**CMAQ**) to provide a flexible funding source to State and local governments for transportation projects and programs to help meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act. Funding is available to reduce congestion and improve air quality for areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate



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13 newspaper/online articles, and 3 radio spots